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### From the Editor

Since I wrote in this space last, a number of wonderful things have happened at Wesleyan, not the least of which is the extension of the *Leap of Faith Challenge*. Wesleyan is also pleased to announce the formation of *A Mother's Garden*—a beautiful way to honor or memorialize our Wesleyanne mothers and grandmothers while benefiting the *Leap of Faith Challenge*. Please read the article on the inside back cover of this publication to learn more about this exciting opportunity.

I'm also thrilled to report that enrollment remains strong and our students continue to amaze us all with their wisdom and vision for the future. Within the following pages, you will read about Weslevan's diversity of students, programs and educational opportunities. On pages 10 and 11, for example, you will find articles on Wesleyan students Sylvia Gonsahn, Ihunanya Mbata and Wanja Mwangi who were accepted into the prestigious Minority Medical Education Program and senior Jennifer Kerr who continues to work on an extensive research project at the Centers for Disease Control and Research. On the other end of the spectrum, you will find the account of a small-town southern girl who graduated from Wesleyan in 1947 and went on to make a name for herself writing best-selling cookbooks from her adopted home in Italy. You will also see an article chronicling several of our students from different faiths who truly embody the spirit of service to others and Wesleyan's emphasis on servant leadership. Wesleyan's outstanding faculty are also represented with articles on their recent awards and recognitions, as well as the story of Visiting Photography Professor Fernando La Rosa's selection as a participant in a worldrenowned art exhibit in Florence, Italy-the Biennale Internazionale dell'Arte Contemporanea di Firenze. We sincerely hope you enjoy this edition of Wesleyan Magazine.

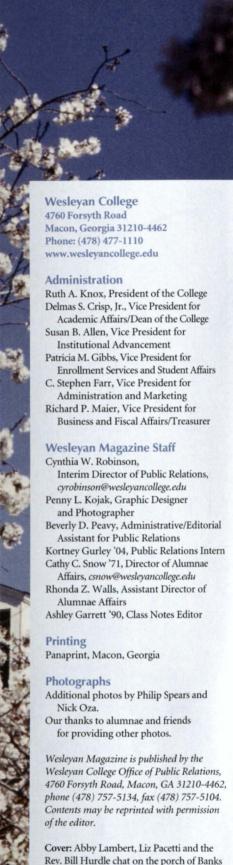
-Cynthia W. Robinson

### Remembering Dr. Bell

In February 2004, Wesleyan mourned the passing of former President Dr. Nora Kizer Bell. Dr. Bell served with distinction as the twenty-third president of Wesleyan College from 1997 through 2002. As the first woman to serve as Wesleyan's president, Dr. Bell has an indelible place in the College's history.

Dr. Bell brought elegance, creativity and boundless energy to the campus, and the College has been greatly enriched by her many contributions to the Wesleyan community. Dr. Bell raised funds, she raised

standards, she raised our sights and she made people all over the country notice Wesleyan College. Her influence and vision for the College will be felt for years to come.



Residence Hall.

above the cherry blossoms.

Inside front cover: Porter Gymnasium shines





n its annual America's Best Colleges guide, U.S. News & World Report ranked Wesleyan College first among top national liberal arts colleges for having the highest percentage of international students. Wesleyan was also the only liberal arts college in the South to make the top 10 in campus diversity. The college's current population includes students from such far-flung regions as Nepal, Russia, China and Ghana, to Columbia, Canada and Jamaica.

With such a large population of international students, Wesleyan's Association of eXemplary International Students, more commonly known as AXIS, has taken on a very prominent role on campus.

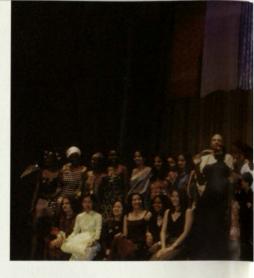
"We work to foster relations between international students and American students," said AXIS President Recha Reid, a native Jamaican and junior majoring in international business and Spanish. AXIS assists international students with such concerns as just getting around—"most of them don't have transportation"—to dealing with homesickness.



"Although we are here as a support group to help international students adjust to a different culture, unfamiliar foods and being away from home, we have many Americans who attend our events, too," Reid said. "We have convocations that address and dispel stereotypes." Additionally, Reid said that the Wesleyan group holds events with international students from Mercer University and Macon State College, further broadening its reach.

The group, which has more than 50 active members, strives to foster cultural awareness, says Sashenie Hayman also a junior and cultural diversity chair for AXIS. "It is a great learning experience for all of us," said Hayman, who is also majoring in international business and Spanish. "Not many of us have visited other countries."

AXIS-sponsored events such as International Music Night, International Week, Cultural Café, the International Dinner—where various international students cook dishes from their native



countries—and volunteer opportunities expose all Wesleyan students to a vast array of customs and pave the way for greater understanding, Hayman said.

Reid said that being exposed to so many different cultures has given her "a better understanding of the wide range of religions on campus"—something that the Rev. Bill Hurdle has fostered and encouraged in his role as campus chaplain.

In addition to Hurdle's support and encouragement, both young women say they have received strong assistance from other members of the Wesleyan faculty and staff, making the organization's role as a support system easier. "For example, the cafeteria worked with us (AXIS) during Ramadan to accommodate the needs of our Muslim students," Reid said. "Wesleyan also has a host family program for international students (See article on page 8). My host 'mom' is Sarah Huscko (a secretary in the Admission Office). We have a lot of fun together."

# Diversification Bringing the World Together at Wesleyan

Article by Cynthia W. Robinson Photos provided by AXIS



According to Huscko, the experience has been rewarding. "I chose to be a host mom because this, too, is the first time I have ever lived this far away from the place I call home (Iowa). I know a lot of the international students may themselves feel homesick from time to time. I can empathize with them on this aspect," Huscko said. "I also wanted to learn about a culture different from my own, and my heart kept telling me to do something like this.

"The experience has been amazing! Even though Recha Reid and Taniesh Milwood (her other host daughter) are just a few years younger than my husband Andre and I, they both call us mommy and daddy. I always get a kick out of that; it makes me smile. I have thoroughly enjoyed being here for both of them and attending the events in which they are involved. I can tell that the relationships we have with them will last for a lifetime."

Two of the group's major events each year are the popular International Fashion Show

presented during Fall Family Weekend and the International Food Fair and Festival held each spring. Although faculty, staff, students and their parents are the sole audience for the Fashion Show, the spring event has drawn an increasingly wider audience from the Middle Georgia community.

In addition to tasting samples of exotic cuisine, those who attended the festival were treated to exhibits, games, crafts and entertainment from around the world. The entertainment, particularly native dances from India and other locales, is always a big crowd pleaser, she said.

While AXIS has made its presence felt on campus, Reid and Hayman are looking forward to expanding the group's focus even more in the coming year. "We are trying to get in touch with the different embassies in case any of our students need the help of their consulate," Reid says. "We also want to include other schools and the community more in our events, especially the festival."

### Wesleyannes Study "Across the Pond"

By Kortney Gurley

Wesleyan College juniors Bethany Kriznik (pictured below at left), Anna Deckert (right) and Catherine Tucker studied in London, England, for the Fall 2003 semester as part of the college's exchange program. The three enrolled through the Institute for the International Education of Students (IES) and took classes in a variety of subjects such as history, business and theatre.

"It was a great opportunity to broaden our horizons culturally and academically," Deckert said. After classes, they were able to experience the fun side of London, going to museums, local pubs, movies, plays and shopping. They experienced the highlight of London's fashion week and were able to participate in the holiday season by watching London's tree-lighting ceremony. During their adventure abroad, the girls also had the opportunity to take trips to France and Scotland. "London was the best three months of my life," Kriznik said.

IES offers opportunity to study abroad in a variety of different countries, such as England, China, France, Argentina and many more.

### This academic year there are 116 Wesleyannes enrolled who are from 32 foreign countries.

Exchange
Students
Korea
Northern Ireland
South Korea
Russia

International
Students
Bangladesh
Belarus
Bulgaria
China
Colombia
England
Ghana
Guyana

India
Indonesia
Jamaica
Japan
Jordan
Kazakhstan
Malaysia
Moldova
Nepal
Pakistan

Romania Rwanda Saint Lucia Sri Lanka Tanzania Taiwan Trinidad–Tobago Ukraine Vietnam Zimbabwe







# The Tie That Binds

Wesleyannes
Serving the
Community
of Faith

### WOW! A Day for Macon 2004

In addition to volunteering at local churches, students, faculty and staff (pictured above) gathered on the Wesleyan campus on Saturday, Feb. 7, 2004, at 8 a.m. to begin another WOW! A Day for Macon—their annual day of volunteering in the Macon community.

Volunteers met at the Wesleyan College Center for Community Engagement and Service (WCCCES) for a continental breakfast before driving to their work sites—the Georgia Industrial Children's Home, Boys and Girls Club (three separate sites), Methodist Children's Home, Loaves and Fishes, Macon Outreach, Wesley Glen and Magnolia Manor.

Wesleyan students, faculty and staff also donated canned food and books to help the Boys and Girls Club sites, the two food program sites and various rummage sales planned by the children's homes.

popular old hymn reminds us "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love. The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above."

"We may not all be of the Christian faith at Wesleyan," says the Rev. Bill Hurdle, Wesleyan's chaplain and director of church relations, "but we are of kindred minds."

Wesleyannes love to serve—their community, their college, each other, but, above all, they love to serve their God through a variety of church functions. In fact, for more than 167 years Wesleyan has educated women for leadership roles in a variety of capacities, and, while the college is affiliated with the United Methodist Church, students hold leadership roles in many denominations and faiths. "Far-reaching faith makes Wesleyan women unique," says Hurdle, a retired United Methodist minister who is in his "second career."

One Wesleyanne, senior Monica Harper (pictured at top left with Park Memorial UMC Choir), actually came to Wesleyan because of the encouragement of a now-retired United Methodist minister, Sam Rogers, who served at Tifton United Methodist Church where Harper joined as a 16-year-old. The Ocilla native was raised in the Baptist church but was hired to play the piano for Tifton UMC as a high school junior.

Now Harper, a triple major in piano, organ and accounting with a 3.9 GPA, is the music director at Macon's Park Memorial UMC. Harper uses her talent to direct the choir with her head while playing the piano

or organ. "God has given me a gift, and He expects me to use it," Harper says, adding that she "can't see herself not being active in a church."

This Wesleyanne is concentrating on graduation, taking the CPA exam and perhaps pursuing a master's degree.

"I have loved Wesleyan," Harper says wholeheartedly. "It has given me opportunities I wouldn't have had otherwise."

A December 2003 graduate, Carolyn Clarke also sports a full plate and attributes much of her success to Wesleyan. An Encore student, Clarke emphasizes the importance of being active in something. "Leadership is taking an active role," Clarke says. "Don't just sit in the background."

The background is certainly not where you could find this recent alumna. As a student, she taught toddlers in Sunday School and was a member of Macon's Macedonia Baptist Church worship dance team. "Wesleyan prepares women as leaders," Clarke emphasizes. "Rubbing shoulders with people of other nationalities prepares you for the workplace. We are given a window—a glimpse—of what's out there."

For nondenominational student April Blash, leadership in the Covenant Church of Jesus Christ includes being a nursery worker, singing in the choir and taking an active role in young adult ministries. April sees herself as part of a quilt at Wesleyan. "Every student makes up a square," Blash explains. "Diversity allows for self-expression. It's okay to be you."



This Wesleyanne, who looks forward to a 2007 graduation, also says the college prepares students to be leaders because of the way its courses are taught. "The courses teach independence," Clark says. "The classes are not just lectures ... students are very involved."

Christine Morana, a Roman Catholic, has attended Sunday Mass at Macon's St. Joseph's and St. Peter Claver churches, but she really enjoys attending Holy Spirit Catholic Church where she is beginning to usher. She is still very active in her home church in Spring Hill, Florida, St. Francis Cabrini Parish. After her confirmation at age 14, she became a Eucharistic minister and later a lector there. She has attended countless retreats including the National Youth Leadership Conference at the University of Notre Dame and World Youth Day in Canada.

At Wesleyan, Morana helped form the Catholic Newman Club for students last year. She also saw her own spiritual life grow by leaps and bounds even though she has had to shift her "accountability" from her home church to her new "home"—Wesleyan.

Saying that a constant goal in her life "is to be holy," Morana says that at Wesleyan she is able "to dive into growing in faith."

Other faiths represented on Wesleyan's campus include Islam, Hinduism and Buddhism.

Rasha Faizy, a Muslim, attends services at the Islamic Center in Macon. Saying that she can attend any Islamic mosque because they all "pray the same way," Faizy says she is an active Wesleyanne but adds, "I can always do better." Calling Wesleyan a "free place for any religion," Buddhist Quynh Le has found no Buddhist temple for worship in Macon or Georgia. She attended her home temple in Vietnam twice a month. Calling Wesleyan's atmosphere and people "wonderful," Le adds quickly that Wesleyannes "are competitive. They teach me not to give up easily and to strive for excellence."

"Wesleyan gives me a strong purpose for what I am going to be in the future," Le says.

For senior Purvi Patel, attending Wesleyan prompted her to become an active Hindu, the religion of her childhood. "I saw students around me playing an active role in their religion," Patel recalls, "especially my friends who come from a strong Christian background." Patel adds that these friends made her "come closer to my God."

Patel has set up somewhat of a personal Hindu temple in her dorm room. In addition she fasts every Monday and attends temple at Umiya Mata Mandir in Macon, a temple of the Hindu sect Vaishnav, to which she belongs.

"Because of my friends here, I was able to connect to my faith and my background," Patel says, adding that she "feels like a Hindu" now even though there is not a group of Hindus on campus. "Wesleyan does give us freedom of religion," Patel says, "and I know I am able to pray in my room every day."

Wesleyan truly is a tapestry or quilt of many colors, many countries, many faiths, many faces.

### The Influence of "Honorary President" Still Felt

Through an exchange agreement with the Soong Ching-Ling Foundation, Wesleyan College students in the Executive Master's of Business Administration (EMBA) program will study abroad in China during July 2004. For two weeks, the students will immerse themselves in the cultural as well as academic enrichment that China offers. As Wesleyan's part of the agreement, the college will host two Chinese international students and introduce them to Wesleyan and American culture.

The Soong Ching-Ling Foundation was created in 1982 in memory of Soong Ching-Ling, an honorary president of the People's Republic of China and 1913 graduate of Wesleyan College—the second of the three Soong sisters educated at Wesleyan. Wife of Sun Yat-sen, founder of the Chinese Republic, Soong was extremely supportive of women and children's issues and served as head of a national woman's organization. In addition to international exchange programs, the foundation also supports several programs designed to academically and culturally enrich the lives of children around the world.

"The aim of the Foundation is to carry forward the spirit of love for children and concern for their healthy growth in body and mind which she (Soong Ching-Ling) displayed during her lifetime and to contribute to the cause of children's culture, education, scientific knowledge and welfare," according to the Foundation's Web site. The Soong Ching-Ling Foundation also helps promote unity within China and with the rest of the world.

For more information visit www.sclf.org (Chinese) or www.wuta.com/Wuta/soong.html (English).







hey came from all four corners of the world to gather in perhaps the cradle of the art world—Italy. Sculptors, painters, photographers, videographers, artists all, they represented the best the world has to offer in the realm of visual arts. All had been invited to participate in the exclusive fourth edition of the Biennale Internazionale dell'Arte Contemporanea di Firenze. And among this elite gathering of artists was Wesleyan's own Fernando La Rosa, visiting assistant professor of photography.

La Rosa, accompanied by his wife, Wesleyan Comer Associate Professor of Painting and Drawing Frances de La Rosa, attended the show Dec. 6–14, 2003, in Florence, Italy. "Being nominated is a great honor," he said. "After you are invited, then you have to ship your work to Florence for exhibition in the show. This was my first time to be invited."

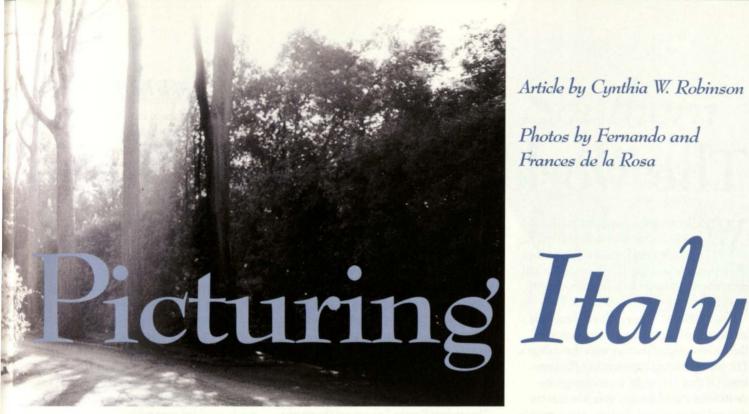
The exhibit is held each year inside the Fortezza da Basso, an old fortress built during the Renaissance by the Medici and Strozzi families. More than 800 artists from 74 countries participated in the invitation-only event, which gave special recognition to the Vatican Museums Restoration Library.

The awesome task of selecting artists to invite fell to the Biennale's 50-member scientific committee. The categories represented include digital art, sculpture, painting, photography, mixed media and installations. Because of the sheer number of artists involved, there are size limits on what works each artist can display. Out of his vast collection, Fernando chose four large images from his "Frame": "Gulf of Mexico," "Jamaica," "Garden, Macon, #1" and "Garden, Macon, #2." "There were pavilions (inside the Fortezza da Basso) full of all different media," Fernando said.

The couple says they are grateful for the sponsorship and hospitality they received from Wesleyan alumna and longtime resident of Italy, Jo Bettoja '47 (See article page 9.) and her husband, Angelo. The Bettoja family owns the largest private hotel group in Italy—five hotels in Rome and one in Florence—and provided lodging for the La Rosas while they were in Florence.

"She (Mrs. Bettoja), her husband, Angelo, and son Maurizio came to Florence to see the exhibition and have dinner with us," de La Rosa said. "Maurizio has a background in art history, and they were all so charming





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Photos by Fernando and Frances de la Rosa

and fascinating." She added that she and Mrs. Bettoja, a native of Georgia, compared stories on growing up in the South. "We had a wonderful time visiting with them. And," she said, "we were also fortunate enough to have the sponsorship of Dr. and Mrs. Robert L. Bunnen of Atlanta. Mrs. Bunnen (Lucinda) is an accomplished photographer herself and has exhibited her work in Wesleyan's East Gallery."

When not attending events at the Biennale, the couple took in the sites of Florence and the surrounding area, giving La Rosa the opportunity to further hone his art. "I worked with my new panoramic camera taking landscape and architectural photographs," he says. "It is a large format, non-digital camera, and I print the images digitally."

One of the highlights of their museumgoing experiences was seeing the 15th century Cima da Conegliano "Madonna and Child" in the Uffizi Gallery. It is very similar to the one that Wesleyan has in its collection through a Kress Foundation gift. In addition to viewing numerous important works of art and architecture, La Rosa photographed the Boboli Gardens and other important sites in Florence. The couple also toured the

medieval walled city of Lucca, the religious sites of Sienna, the Tuscany area, and, of course, Pisa, home of the infamous tower.

"It is really leaning," said de La Rosa, with a laugh. She also added that they were lucky they chose the day they did to visit Pisa. "The next day they had the tower closed because of terrorist threats," she said. "If we had waited, we wouldn't have been able to get anywhere near it."

Another highlight of their trip was the Renaissance dinner they attended the night of their arrival featuring "recipes from Michelangelo, Catherine and Marie de Medici and a talk by a food historian from the Florence," she said. This delicious educational experience took place at the restaurant of the Bettojas' Florence hotel, the Relais Certosa.

The La Rosas agree that, all-in-all, the exhibition and the entire cultural experience were "amazing." Fernando added, "It has been wonderful to bring back to my students a firsthand exposure to the contemporary art that is being done across the globe, and to share with them a renewed sense of awe of the art of the past."

### Picture Yourself in Italy!

For the second summer in a row, the Wesleyan in Italy program will offer participants an immersion into the Italian culture and the opportunity to explore unforgettable aspects of Italy. On June 12, Dr. Silvana Andrew, a native Italian and instructor of Italian at Wesleyan, will once again lead participants into the heart of some glorious regions by visiting the eternal city of Rome, the picturesque villages of the famed Frascati white wine production and the beautiful cities of Florence, Pompei and Naples. Many more optional sites like Orvieto, Chiusi, Spoleto, Arezzo or Tivoli will be available as optional excursions. The group will join the Roman high society for an evening at one of the city's most prestigious theaters and a multiple course dinner, while being entertained by talented singers performing some of opera's most beloved masterpieces.

Optional courses of study being offered during the experience include "Special Topics in Italian Culture" and "Elementary Italian," taught by Dr. Andrew and "Independent Trade" and "In Praise of Commercial Culture: A Study of Italian Patronage of the Arts," both taught by Dr. Phil Taylor, professor of economics and director of the graduate and weekend programs in business.

# The World Comes to Wesleyan

esleyan opens windows to the world for her international and exchange students—windows that allow them to see unique opportunities and diversity they might not have seen if they were to study in their home country.

Jana Williams, Wesleyan's residence life and international student coordinator, is there every step of the way with the college's 116 young women representing 32 countries. Of that 116, eight are exchange students who attend for one year whereas traditional international students can complete all four years of study at Wesleyan.

"I love working with the students and helping them get acclimated to Wesleyan, each other and our community," Williams says with the enthusiasm that she exudes constantly. Impressed by the perseverance and motivation of international and exchange students, Williams is always willing to go the extra mile to help keep the students at Wesleyan. "They have more opportunities here in college than they would at home," Williams says, adding that the job market is more flexible in the United States.

Williams recalls in particular helping one Asian student facing several problems with her visa. After seeking help at Atlanta's Immigration Office, Williams realized that the student would need to return to her home country. Williams was able to work with the student to secure a flight home and an emergency meeting with the U.S. Embassy in Taiwan.

The student flew to Taiwan, got the proper visa, came back to Wesleyan and missed less than two weeks of class. Williams quickly wrote a thank-you letter to the U.S. Embassy to express her gratitude for their government's prompt response to this student's needs.

Another side to international student life that most of the campus doesn't see is the impact of host families. Williams describes these special families as ones who offer friendship, mentoring or simply a ride to church and community events. While the international or exchange students don't actually live with their host families, the families provide a "home-away-from-home" atmosphere for the young women while they attend Wesleyan College.

The Warner Robins, Georgia, family of Samuel and Christine Vines actually plays host to three Wesleyannes—Olena Stadnik from the Ukraine, Marie Wada from Japan and Zhe Hong from China. In a recent letter to Williams, the students' host "mom" practically bubbled over with excitement about what being a host family has done for her own family, especially the impact the experience has had on her birth and adopted children. She writes of church youth trips, mission work and family travels.

With friends and hard workers like Jana Williams and the outpouring of love and support from host families, Wesleyan's international and exchange students truly experience a world of opportunities.



Above, the Vines family and two of their host students: Christine, Abby (3), Samuel, Hannah (4), Marie Wada, Olena Stadnik and Robbie Vines.



Jana Williams with students during the International Fashion Show. From left: Sashenie Hayman, Rasha Faizy, Jana Williams and Recha Reid. of Southern-style butter beans, rutabagas and a hot buttered biscuit. Other than that, this Millen, Georgia, native is quite happily at home in Rome, Italy. After all, the successful cookbook author has lived there since 1952 when she went on a "grand tour of Europe" with two close friends. She and her friends all married Italian men, but she's the only one of the three who stayed in Italy, where she raised three children with her husband of nearly 50 years, Angelo Bettoja.

Mr. Bettoja's family owns five hotels in Rome and one in Florence. His family has been in the hotel business for five generations—130 years to be exact—and their 1000-room chain of premier hotels is recognized as the largest private hotel group in Italy. Some of the hotels' employees have worked for the Bettojas for decades. Wesleyan art professors Fernando la Rosa and Frances de la Rosa stayed in the Florence hotel during a recent trip to Italy, enjoying the superb Bettoja hospitality. (See related story, page 7). Bettoja was delighted to get to know the La Rosas, recalling their time together with fond memories.

However, it isn't her marriage into a renowned hotel family that has brought well-deserved accolades to Bettoja—it's her expertise as an Italian cook and cookbook author.

Her publishing career started after she opened a cooking school, the worldrenowned Lo Scaldavivande, with her Italian friend, Anna Maria Cornetto. She ran the school for more than 10 years. Her first cookbook was actually written by 10 women at the request of many friends and students at the cooking school. The title, written in Italian, translates to 135 Recipes from Italian Cooking Schools. Bettoja and Cornetto collaborated on the 1982 Italian Cooking in the Grand Tradition, a very successful venture, according to Bettoja. In 1991, Southern Italian Cooking hit the bookstores. This book was nominated for the prestigious James Beard Award in New York City for Best Italian Cookbook. It did not win, but she was thrilled to have her book nominated.

Her most recent cookbook, published in February 2003, is *In a Roman Kitchen: Timeless Recipes from the Eternal City*. Bettoja says this cookbook is "doing really well" in sales. Her recipes have been featured in the *New York Times* and in magazines

such as Food & Wine, Travel & Leisure, Diversion, McCalls and Town & Country.

Bettoja, who tries to get back to Millen at least once a year, says there are similarities between South Georgia and Italy, mainly in the attachment to family and big family gatherings during the holidays. This Conservatory graduate says her creative juices have flowed since her days in Macon. Then it was theatre, speech and art history—now it's cooking. "Cooking is creative," she says, adding that Italians "have a good sense of taste and style."

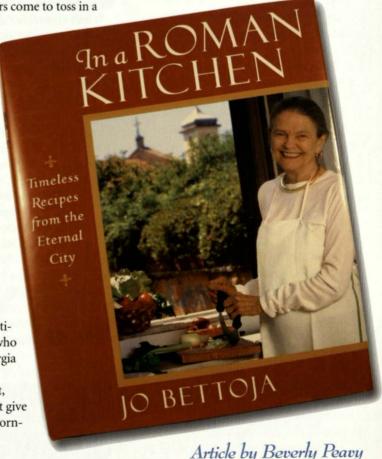
One of her greatest memories of the Conservatory is having Dr. G.W. Gignilliat, Jr., as a professor. "He was the best teacher ever. Everybody loved him." She also fondly remembers wearing evening dresses to concerts given by Dr. Joseph Maerz, and she recalls being checked by a teacher before entering the concerts "to make sure we didn't have on saddle shoes" under their long dresses.

"I loved the Conservatory," she says. "It broke my heart when it burned."

Bettoja now lives next door to the Trevi Fountain, the famous tourist attraction in Rome where all visitors come to toss in a

coin for good luck; she is married to a successful Italian businessman; she's raised three children, Georgia, Roberto and Maurizio; she enjoys her four granddaughters and is a successful cookbook author. While her mother sent her to speech classes in Millen to "learn to speak properly," Bettoja says she only uses what she learned when she needs to. Otherwise, this sophisticated Italian woman who hails from South Georgia still speaks with her Southern accent intact, and what she wouldn't give for some really good cornon-the-cob!

# Southern by Birth, Italian by Choice



Wanja Mwangi, Ihunanya Mbata and Sylvia Gonsahn lead a discussion of their summer experiences.

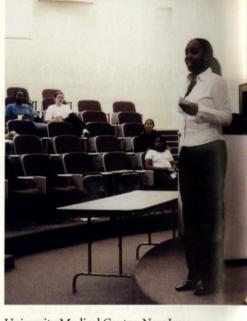
# A Cure for the Summertime Blues

glimpse of medical school during summer vacation

Students get a Having one Wesleyan student accepted to the Summer Medical Education Program (SMEP) would be quite an honor, but having three students accepted the same summer is extraordinary. That is exactly what happened during the summer of 2003 when rising Wesleyan sophomores Sylvia Gonsahn, Wanja Mwangi and Ihunanya Mbata were chosen to attend SMEP, formerly the Minority Medical Education Program (MMEP).

> "I had a friend in the program that told me about it," said Gonsahn, a sophomore from Stone Mountain, Georgia, who applied and was accepted to attend SMEP at Duke University. Mwangi, a sophomore from Athens, Georgia, was selected for the Baylor program, while Mbata, a sophomore from Nigeria who now lives in Macon, attended SMEP at Yale.

SMEP is a free six-week summer medical school preparatory program, created in 1988 and funded by The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The program is located at 11 medical schools around the United States: the University of Alabama School of Medicine, Baylor College of Medicine and Rice University, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, Chicago Summer Science Enrichment Program, Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, Duke University School of Medicine, Fisk University and Vanderbilt



University Medical Center, New Jersey Medical School, University of Virginia School of Medicine, Western Consortium (University of Washington School of Medicine and the University of Arizona College of Medicine) and Yale University School of Medicine. According to the Association of American Medical Colleges' Web site, SMEP was designed to prepare "students who are strong advocates for diversity and/or come from groups that are underrepresented in medicine."

According to Mbata, whose father teaches entomology at Fort Valley State University, applicants to the program can choose up to three locations to attend. "I plan on going into surgery, specifically cardiology or orthopedics, and I was able to shadow surgery while I was there (Yale)." Although no academic credit is offered at the Yale program, students selected to attend get extensive clinical experience by participating in small group rotations in the emergency department, operating room and autopsy services. This particular SMEP is open to applicants following their freshman, sophomore, junior or senior year of college, as well as some postbachelor degree students. The curriculum is then tailored to fit the students' education level. A curriculum track is also offered for students preparing to take the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT).



Gonsahn, who hopes to specialize in geriatric medicine, "did regular medical rotations each week" at Duke. The SMEP at Duke is only open to applicants following their freshman or sophomore year of college. While this program only offers limited MCAT preparation, students selected to attend participate in a weekly standardized patient module. This module consists of weekly four-hour rotations through pediatric and neonatal intensive care units, critical care unit, emergency room and intensive care.

The program at Baylor, like the one offered at Duke, is only open to students following their freshman or sophomore year. Instead of attending rounds in small groups or participating in a standardized module, students there are each assigned to a preceptor for 40 to 50 hours of clinical experiences. "I think attending the program will be a springboard for other opportunities," said Mbata, who plans on specializing in pediatrics or emergency medicine related to pediatrics.

All three Wesleyannes said they took away invaluable experience and will probably apply to attend other SMEP offerings this summer. However, if one or more of them decide to look to another program, one thing is for certain – they won't be spending their summer idling away on a beach somewhere. "We're not the type to chill out," Mbata said. "We've got to be doing something."

### Researching Opportunities

hen Jennifer Kerr walks across the stage to accept her Wesleyan diploma this May, she will be facing some tough choices—just which one of the three graduate programs that have already accepted her will she attend?

Kerr, a Munroe scholar majoring in biology, has been accepted to three prestigious programs—the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences at Baylor College of Medicine's molecular virology and microbiology program, the microbiology program at the University of Texas Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and the University of Texas Southwestern Graduate School's molecular biology program.

"As of now, I am most interested in the University of Texas Southwestern," says Kerr, a Georgia native. "Dr. Wanda Schroeder ('80)(associate professor of biology) played an integral part in developing my desire to attend graduate school in microbiology. She helped me find my passion for microbiology and my desire to continue scientific research."

Because of the research opportunities Kerr has been afforded as a Wesleyan student in general and a Munroe scholar in particular, she had no problem being accepted to the three programs or landing an impressive internship at the Centers for Disease Control and Research (CDC) in Atlanta.

"I started my internship at the CDC in the fall of 2003," Kerr says. "Laura Rose, a microbiologist in the Environmental and Applied Microbiology Department, and family friend, offered me the internship after discussing my desire to work on an independent microbiology project this semester."

Although Kerr says she had a general interest in the field of microbiology, she had trouble at first narrowing down her interest because the field is so large. "It was not until I spoke with Ms. Rose that she suggested working with safety issues surrounding infant milk formula," Kerr says. "I'm currently working on a project that looks into the detection of bacteria and survival of bacteria in infant formulas."

Currently, Kerr is continuing her research on the infant formula project both in the Taylor Hall lab at Wesleyan and at the CDC. "I'm now a guest researcher at the CDC so I can go and come as needed to use the CDC lab," she says. "And the \$1,000 research stipend from the Munroe award covers my expenses for research travel and supply expenses." The outcomes she has generated with her research have included an increased awareness of sterilization, the importance of sterilization in the prevention of infant sickness and the impact infant formula packaging methods have on safety.

While Kerr hopes to continue her research this summer after graduation, her future plans after graduate school include continuing research in microbiology in an academic or governmental setting—a desire that was fostered and encouraged during her four years at Wesleyan.

"I feel like I truly benefited from having a liberal arts education. Not only was I given ample opportunities to perform scientific research, I was able to explore many other subjects, including art," she says. "I enjoyed the small class sizes and the rapport that students maintain with the faculty."

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### Faculty Library Director honored

Wesleyan College Library Director Catherine A. Lee was selected as a Governor's Teaching Fellow (GTF) for the 2003–2004 academic year. Lee participated in the GTF Academic



Year Symposia Program. She has attended a number of three-day symposia on the University of Georgia campus while also engaging in instructional improvement projects at Wesleyan. Participants in the GTF Program are selected on the basis of their teaching experience, interest in continuing instructional and professional development and ability to have an impact on their own campus. A strong commitment by the participant's home institution for the duration of his or her participation in the program is also required. The GTF Program is open to full-time faculty members who teach at accredited public or private colleges or universities in

Georgia, other than the University of Georgia. Lee is the first librarian accepted into the GTF Program.

### Art professor awarded SECAC 2003 Excellence In Teaching

Dr. Elizabeth "Libby" Bailey, professor of art at Wesleyan College, was awarded the 2003 Southeastern College Art Conference (SECAC) Award for Excellence In Teaching. Dr. Bailey was presented the award at the 2003 conference in Raleigh, North Carolina, on Oct. 30.

Dr. Bailey is the only art historian on the faculty at Wesleyan and is also the chair of the art department. She is currently working with an ad hoc committee to save and restore Wesleyan's fine art collection.

The Southeastern College Art Conference is a nonprofit organization that seeks to promote art in higher education.

### **Students**

#### Wesleyannes attend Model UN at Harvard

Even though Wesleyan College's Model United Nations (UN) was begun in September 2003, seven Wesleyan students were invited to attend Harvard University's Model UN in Boston, Feb. 12-15, 2004.

Based on the actual UN, the Harvard conference included nearly 2,000 national and international delegates. Harvard's event is the most prestigious Model UN, and this was its 50th annual conference. The purpose of the gathering is to invite students from all over the globe for the purposes of heightening global awareness, fostering international relations among college students and bringing together tomorrow's leaders.

Wesleyan's representatives, who resemble a mini-UN, were senior Volha Adamovich from Belarus, senior Irina Tanurcova from Moldova, senior Jessica Bennett from the United States, senior Natasha Kanagat from India, junior Sancia Dalley from Jamaica, sophomore Loma Nasser from Jordan and first-year student HueiYu Chen from the United States, but of Taiwanese descent.

Each student was selected based on her application, which included three short essays. The selection process was highly confidential, and about half of the students who applied were selected. Faculty advisor Dr. Barbara Donovan, associate professor of political science, said the opportunity is great for Wesleyan students and "is the result of having many more international students on campus."

### Dr. Hampton Receives Quillian Award

Dr. Mark Hampton was named the 2003 recipient of the Nonie A. and William F. Quillian Distinguished Teaching Award. The announcement was made during the fall semester opening convocation. Dr. Hampton, an assistant professor of history, was in London presenting a paper titled, "The New Statesman and Nation and 'Third Way' Politics in the Early Cold War, 1945–1950."



"A student told me recently that Dr. Hampton offers outstanding classes that are learner-centered. She also stated that he is creative in the approaches used to challenge students to think—even pretending to be Rush Limbaugh to spur debate and force students to defend their judgments," said Dr. Delmas Crisp, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College.

Dr. Hampton earned his BA in history at Middle Tennessee State University before going on to earn both his MA and PhD in history at Vanderbilt and becoming an assistant professor at Lincoln Memorial University. He is a member of the American Historical Association and the North American Conference on British Studies. Dr. Hampton has presented papers at numerous conferences and seminars around the world, including the University of London, Harvard University and the German Historical Institute in Washington, D.C. His book, *To Instruct and Amuse: Visions of the Press in Britain, 1850–1950*, will be published by the University of Illinois Press in 2004. Dr. Hampton has also published several articles on the modern British press and is on the editorial board of *Media History*.

The Quillian Award honors former Wesleyan President William F. Quillian, Sr., who twice served as president from 1920 to 1931 and 1951 to 1952. The award is presented to a faculty member who demonstrates excellence in teaching and commitment to an outstanding learning community and who is regarded by both faculty and students as a premier educator.

#### Wesleyan hosts TAPP award ceremony

Wesleyan College hosted an award ceremony on Monday, Oct. 20, 2003, to honor recipients of the UPS-Georgia Teacher Alternative Preparation Program (TAPP) Scholarship who are enrolled in Wesleyan's Master of Arts in Early Childhood Education program. Recipients were Keicha Matchet, secondgrade teacher at Hubbard Primary School in Forsyth; Andre Mountain, fifth-grade teacher at Rice Elementary in Macon; and Katrina Switzer, first-grade teacher at Weir Elementary in Macon. The scholarships were funded through a generous grant awarded to Wesleyan College from The UPS Foundation, the charitable arm of UPS, to provide financial assistance to deserving students in the Wesleyan-Bibb TAPP Program.

UPS grants benefiting organizations and programs such as the Wesleyan-Bibb TAPP positively impact communities. "We apply both financial and human resources in our support of groups that address the educational and human welfare needs around the world," says Evern Cooper, president of The UPS Foundation and vice president of UPS corporate relations. "UPS's support of the Wesleyan-Bibb TAPP signifies our shared focus and commitment to improve our communities."

The Wesleyan-Bibb TAPP Program is an alternative teacher education partnership that

recruits talented persons with non-teaching degrees for a rigorous program of traditional and nontraditional coursework and mentoring that leads to a master's degree in education and prepares them to be highly qualified teachers in underserved schools. TAPP is the innovative creation of the Georgia Professional Standards Commission and began three years ago as an effort to alleviate the severe teacher shortage throughout Georgia.

#### Winner of Beckelheimer Essay Contest announced

Sophomore Saniya Salim won the Beckelheimer Essay Contest held November 2003. Salim's essay, *Each Dawn I Die...*, will be published in the English Department's newsletter, *Musings*.

### Arts

### Theatre Department stages African-American play for opening production

The Wesleyan College Theatre Department presented the African-American play *Crumbs* from the Table of Joy on Oct. 16, 17 and 18, 2003, as the first production of the 2003–2004 academic year.

Lynn Nottage's comedy/drama about an African-American family in the 1950s is described as both nostalgic and wildly funny. The play covers the important issues of the day as seen through the eyes of the teenage narrator, her taboo-breaking aunt, her Godfearing father and the German immigrant he meets. The title of the play comes from the Langston Hughes poem, *Luck*—"Sometimes a crumb falls from the tables of joy, sometimes a bone is flung. To some people love is given, to others, only heaven."

### Spanish masterpiece comes to stage

Wesleyan College's Theatre Department staged Frederico Garcia Lorca's *The House of Bernarda Alba* on Nov. 20-22, 2003. Written in 1936, Lorca's modern classic, features a recent widow who rules over her household and announces to her five daughters that their mourning for their late father will last eight years. The play is a case study in family relations and the oppression of free will. It is a classic story of desire, seduction and betrayal.

The cast included students Liz Pacetti, Heather Hughes, Priscilla Howell, Parrish Smotherman, Yuliya Ivanova, Katie Crozier, Jenna Miller, Jamie McQuilkin, Tiffany Johnson, Katherine Ownbey, Phayon Lee, Ina Rachita, Elizabeth Catherwood, Elissa Lothian, Tamara Francis, Jamila Thompson, and Danielle Sawtell. Mark Duncan, visiting instructor of theatre at Wesleyan, directed. Scenic and lighting design was by Michael

McKinney, the technical director at Wesleyan, while costume design was by Dr. Frazer Lively, Wesleyan's director of theatre. Stephanie Noell was the production stage manager.

#### "Carols for to Sing"

Wesleyan College held its annual Christmas concert on Sunday, Dec. 7, 2003, in the Porter Family Memorial Auditorium. The concert was titled "Carols for to Sing" and included selections by the Wesleyan Concert Choir, the Wesleyannes and the Wesleyan Chamber Orchestra.

### Royalty, minstrels and dragons, oh, my!

Wesleyan's Theatre Department staged Land of the Dragons on Thursday, Feb. 5 and Friday, Feb. 6, 2004, in the Porter Family Memorial Auditorium.

This wacky comedy for children of all ages was directed by Michael McKinney and included a Kung Fu Demo Squad, which featured solo and group performances, including performance of five animal forms, bo staff fighting, hand-to-hand combat and sword demonstrations.

#### Student Art Show winners announced

The works of more than 50 students went on display on Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2004, in the East Gallery of the Porter Fine Arts Building. The works, which represented all visual media, were exhibited through April 1. Congratulations to the following students who won prizes in the show:

#### Painting & Drawing:

1st: Nicola Watson, "Blue Beauty," oil on canvas 2nd: Erica Grossman, untitled sepia portrait 3rd: Christine A. Morana, "Values," charcoal

Photography & Printmaking: 1st: Darlene Murphy, "Risen" 2nd: Jyoti Danes, "Mind Struggle" 3rd: Johnnie Pascale, "William in the Green Shirt"

#### 3-D:

1st: Johnnie Pascale, dark brown teapot 2nd: Shannon Duncan, "Untitled, #2" 3rd: Amanda Zagloba, "Repose"

### **Convocations**

### San Francisco State University president speaks at opening convocation

San Francisco State University President Robert A. Corrigan, a national leader in the urban university and civic engagement movements, was the speaker for Wesleyan College's Opening Fall Convocation on Thursday, Sept. 11, 2003 in the Porter Family Memorial Auditorium. Dr. Corrigan spoke on "Educating Hearts as Well as Minds: Moral Leadership and Wesleyan College."

At the request of former President Bill Clinton, Dr. Corrigan chaired both the Steering Committee of College and University Presidents for the "America Reads Challenge" and the National Steering Committee for the "America Counts" initiative. He is also the chair of the California Campus Compact, a statewide arm of the National Campus Compact, a nationwide program to which Wesleyan belongs that fosters student community service.

### Sally Foster speaker for D. Abbott Turner Entrepreneurship Lecture

Sally Foster, the founder of Sally Foster, Inc., a national leader in gift wrap fundraising for nonprofit organizations, was the speaker for the first D. Abbott Turner Entrepreneurship



### Band brings wee bit of Ireland to the Wesleyan campus

Wesleyan College was fortunate to have the traditional Irish band, Glen Road, perform at two events on campus Nov. 6, 2003. The band, comprised of Mike Dugger (guitar and vocals), Turlach Boylan (flute and banjo) and Greg Brown (fiddle and Anglo concertina), specializes in the playing of traditional music from Ireland and Newfoundland. Their first CD, "Round the Bend," was recorded in December 2002.

The band first presented a lecture/demonstration/question-and-answer session that morning in Porter Family Memorial Auditorium. That evening, the group performed a two-hour concert. While in Macon, Glen Road also put on a concert for the residents of Peake Healthcare Center.

These performances were funded in part by a grant from the Southern Arts Federation in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts and the Georgia Council for the Arts.

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Lecture of the 2003–04 academic year. Foster's lecture, *Follow Your Soul*, took place on Thursday, Oct. 30, 2003, in the Porter Family Memorial Auditorium. Immediately following the lecture, a luncheon featuring Foster speaking on community service was held in the Oval Hall of Wesleyan's Candler Alumnae Center.

Foster, a graduate of Duke University, founded her company in 1972 after successfully organizing a fundraiser for her children's school. The company expanded rapidly and by 1989, Sally Foster, Inc., had more than 2,500 accounts across the country. In 1992, **Entertainment Publications bought Sally** Foster, Inc., and expanded the product line to include other gift items. Today, Foster is one of four consultants who are completely in charge of the entire Sally Foster product line and brochure. This year the Sally Foster product line is expected to generate more than \$100 million. Half of these proceeds directly benefit the fund-raising causes of public, private and parochial schools across the United States.

In addition to her ongoing role with the business, Foster, a mother of two and grandmother of four, is active in philanthropic activities in the Greenville/Spartanburg, South Carolina, area. She currently serves as chairman of the board for the Mary Black Foundation, a private health and wellness organization; as a trustee for the Spartanburg County Foundation, which provides funding to a variety of Spartanburg County community organizations; and as an elder at First Presbyterian Church of Spartanburg.

Wesleyan's D. Abbott Turner
Entrepreneurship Series was launched in 2001
with former U.N. Ambassador Jeane
Kirkpatrick as the inaugural speaker. This
series of free lectures is sponsored in honor of
the late D. Abbott Turner, one of Wesleyan's
most devoted friends and benefactors. Turner
was an accomplished and respected
Columbus, Ga., businessman whose interests,
influence and philanthropy extended
throughout the state. He served on the
Wesleyan Board of Trustees for 18 years.

### **Emory professor featured at Belk Lecture**

Dr. Don E. Saliers presented the lecture, "Where Beauty and Terror Lie: The Poetics of Everyday Life," on Thursday, Oct. 16, 2003, as part of the Belk Lecture Series.

Saliers is a distinguished professor of theology and worship in the Candler School of Theology at Emory and is the director of Emory University's Master of Sacred Music Program. Some of his major publications include Soul in Paraphrase: Prayer and Religious Affections, Worship and Spirituality, Worship As Theology and Worship Come to Its Senses. He is also currently working on a book with his daughter, Emily Saliers, a member of the Emmy-award winning musical duo, the Indigo Girls.

#### Herstory Week celebrated

Pat Hardeman, associate dean, registrar of the college and associate professor of biology, presented "More Tales from the Wesleyan Vault" to kick off Herstory Week on Nov. 18, 2003, in the Peyton Anderson Amphitheatre. This event marked the return of the most popular convocation series in the history of the college.

Also as part of the celebration, Tena Roberts, Wesleyan's archivist librarian, presented, "The Soong Sisters: A Memory" on Wednesday, Nov. 19, in the Manget Dining Room. This talk featured history and anecdotes about the lives of the famous Soong Sisters: May-ling

### Michelle Wineman: Three-Sport Athlete

By Cynthia W. Robinson

Michelle Wineman has a theory.

"I think I got all the athletic genes, and my sister got all the creativity," says
Wesleyan junior Wineman, smiling. But then, you could argue that it takes quite a bit of creativity to juggle three sports and a full-time schedule of classes. And that is exactly what Wineman, Wesleyan's only three-sport athlete, manages to do day in and day out.

"It does take a lot of discipline," concedes Wineman, a Newnan, Georgia, native majoring in business administration. "You really have to manage your time and not let sports get in the way of grades." While playing soccer, basketball and softball for the Pioneers does take up much of Wineman's time these days, she's actually slowed down since her days at Northgate High School where she also ran track as part of her athletic program.

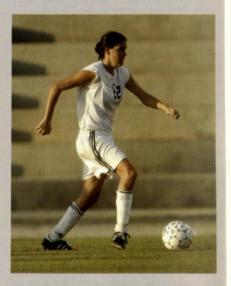
Currently, Wineman calls soccer her main sport. "I started playing soccer in youth leagues when I was 6," Wineman says. "At first I played on boys' teams because there were no girls' teams until I was 13."

That love of sports in general and soccer

in particular blossomed when, at the age of 15, Wineman traveled through Europe for two weeks playing soccer for the Lightning Soccer Club. "I loved the traveling and meeting lots of cool people. It was the opportunity of a lifetime, so my parents were all for it. Actually, my dad (who played soccer when he was younger) said he was jealous," she says with a laugh.

Wineman sites the support of her parents—her mom teaches pre-kindergarten and her dad owns Wineman Construction—with much of her success as an athlete. "My parents have always been supportive and been there for me," says Wineman, who also counts her creative older sister, a recent Georgia State University graduate, as one of her biggest fans. "They always took me everywhere to play sports and they come to most of our home games now and the ones we have in Atlanta."

She adds that the supportive Wesleyan environment has made her athletic experience even more enjoyable. "I transferred to Wesleyan from Georgia Perimeter College," she says. "I like the interaction you have with professors here and the small classes. Dr. Phil Taylor, my advisor, is also a great supporter of athletics. He's helped me in getting my classes together, and he's either at the games



or asking about them."

Once Wineman earns her degree and bids farewell to her days as a Pioneer, she won't be leaving sports behind. "I want to own my own sports-related company or get into sports management. I can't see myself not being involved in sports," she says. As for Wesleyan, Wineman says, "the athletic program will get better as the years go by. (Coach and Interim Athletic Director) Ellen Lord is a great inspiration and is always encouraging. She never lets us down."

(Madame Chiang Kai-Shek—See related article on page 23.); Ching-ling (Madame Sun-Yatsen); and Ai-ling (Madame H.H. Kung).

### Help Wanted: An Urban Pedagogy or Just Good Teachers?

Wesleyan's Education Department sponsored its 2nd Annual Urban Education Conference Help Wanted: An Urban Pedagogy or Just Good Teachers? on Feb. 20 and 21, 2004. Students and educators from across the nation attended the conference, which featured keynote speaker Dr. William Ayers of the University of Illinois at Chicago.

### **Athletics**

### New Pioneer softball coach

Coach Joanna Lane comes to the Pioneers from Florida State University, where she was a graduate assistant for the 2003 Atlantic Coast Conference champs. Her 2003 Florida



State softball team also earned an NCAA tournament bid while she was completing her master's in sports administration *summa cum laude*. An Ohio native, Coach Lane played four years at Georgetown College in Kentucky. She captained the team three years and led them to Mid-South Conference championships twice and an NAIA Region IX runners-up finish her senior year.

Coach Lane has already had a tremendous impact on Wesleyan athletics with her wacky sense of adventure and genuine concern for student-athlete development. From personality-filled trivia at timeouts of basketball and volleyball games to a world record breaking couch pile-on, Coach Lane has brought a refreshing liveliness and creativity to the department. Her students as well as other players frequent her office and participate in community service and the fun events she plans as coordinator of student-athlete development.

#### Catcher named Academic All-American

Junior catcher Liz Santos was named an Academic All-American for the 2003 season by the National Fast Pitch Coaches Association. Santos, who comes to Wesleyan from southern California, is an honors student in film and media studies. Last year, Santos led the team in four offensive categories, including batting average, home runs, on-base percentage and being hit by pitches. She also threw out more than half of attempt-

ed steals. Softball Coach Joanna Lane expects Santos to continue being a dominating force behind the plate this season. After graduation, Santos plans to attend graduate school and study broadcast journalism.

#### Basketball standout earns all-tournament

Wesleyan's Shannon Haggins was named to the Emory & Henry College Tip-Off Tournament's all-tournament basketball team for her play there Nov. 21-22, 2003. The Pioneers lost both of their season-opening games at the tournament, but Haggins, a sophomore, was the high-scorer both times with 10 points against Emory & Henry and 15-including two points at the halftime buzzer-against Juniata College the next day. The 5'9" forward also had six rebounds against Juniata. Haggins has proven to be a strong leader in points and rebounds for the team, often earning a double-double (double digits in points and rebounds). Despite coaching changes and having only a few players on the bench, Haggins and the team continue to fight through each game, coming within just points of opponents like Maryville and Piedmont colleges.

### Wesleyan student-athletes chosen to attend NCAA Leadership Conference

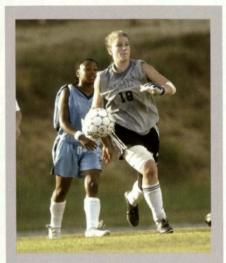
Two Wesleyan athletes were selected to attend the NCAA Division III Student-Athlete Regional Leadership Conference in Dallas, Texas, in January 2004. Junior soccer tri-captain Megan Quinn (Titusville, Florida) and sophomore basketball standout Shannon Haggins (Orlando, Florida) represented the Pioneers to the NCAA as they discussed the current issues in Division III athletics at the conference, which is held every three years.

#### Soccer players earn conference honors

Two Pioneer soccer players earned Great South Athletic Conference honors. Goalkeeper Melissa Herndon, of Waycross, Georgia, was named to the conference all-freshman team, and junior and tri-captain Michelle "Mish" Wineman, of Sharpsburg, Georgia, was voted onto the all-conference second team.

### Soccer and volleyball players earn all-academic conference honors

Several soccer and volleyball players earned conference all-academic honors. All-academic soccer players were senior Adriana Forero; juniors Jenny Rudell, Sarah Dushame and Megan Quinn; and sophomore Julia Otwell. All-academic volleyball players were juniors Kristin Williams and Jyoti Danes and sophomore Christine Morana.



### Wesleyan goalkeeper nationally ranked

Wesleyan College soccer team's starting goalkeeper Melissa Herndon finished the 2003 fall season ranked fifth in the nation in saves per game. The freshman from Waycross, Ga., had 260 saves in 17 games for the Pioneers for an average of 15.29 saves per game, which tied for the fifth highest among NCAA Division III women's soccer programs. (The highest NCAA Div. I average was 9.79 saves per game.)

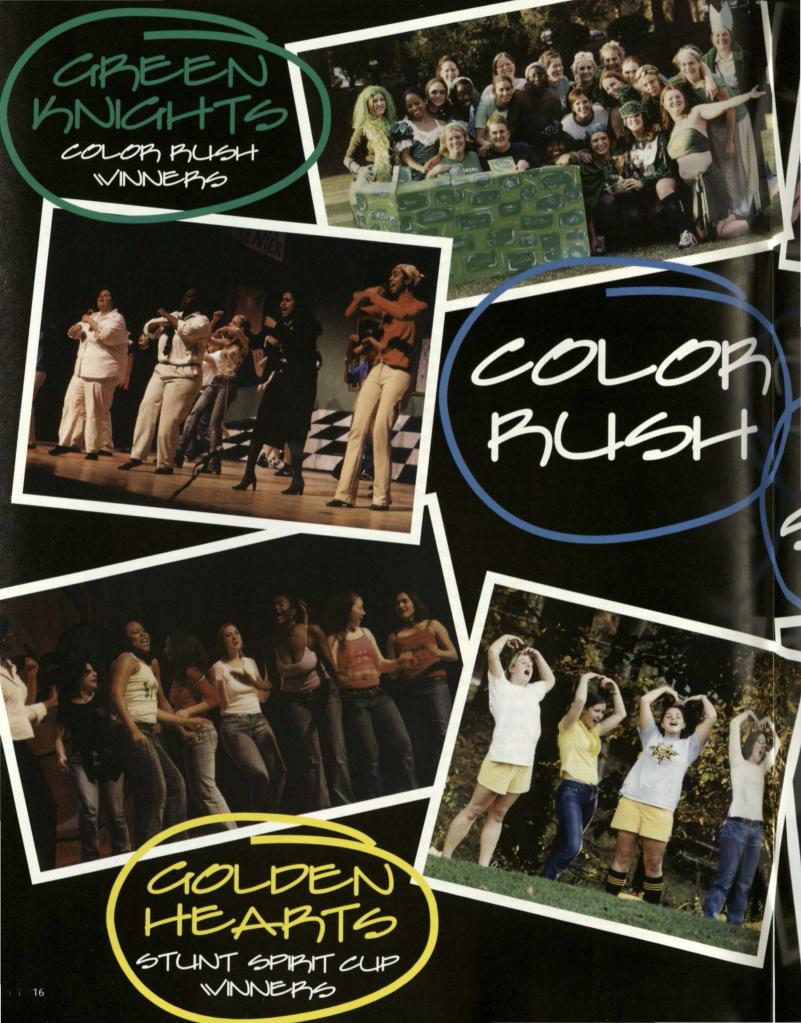
A fearless keeper with a relentless drive, Herndon also ranked in the top 10 in the number of saves made in a single game. She had three games in which she made 27 saves (which is nearly a save every three minutes): Sept. 24 against Emory University, Oct. 29 against conference opponent LaGrange College and Nov. 1 against rival Agnes Scott College.

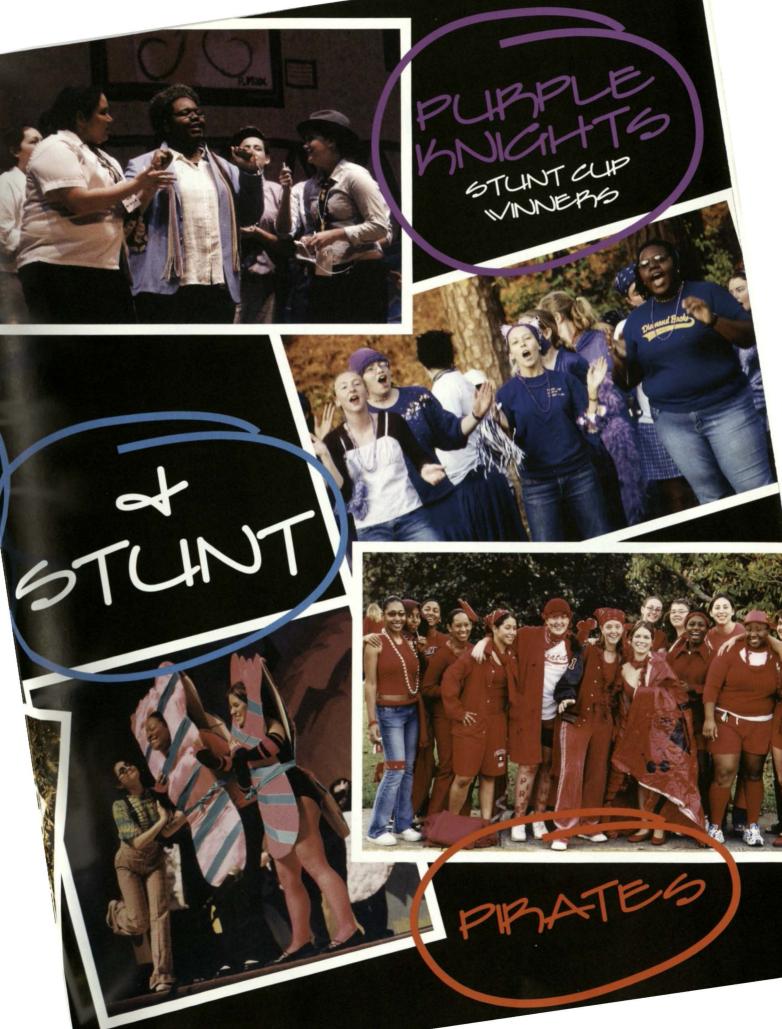
"It's exhilarating the fact that the game is on the line every time you step in front of the goal," Herndon said. "Playing soccer over the past few years has given me so many memories that I wouldn't trade for the world and has made me respect and love the sport."

Since she was in the third grade, Herndon, 19, has wanted to take that same tenacity and resolve to the courtroom and is now studying history and political science at Wesleyan in hopes of becoming a criminal prosecution attorney.

It's that sense of obligation to make an impact that keeps her going, she says.

"I have to change the world," she said. "I live to make people happy and there are a lot of people in this world who are sad. So I will keep going until I know I have made the most difference that I can make."





# Alumnae Club News

### Augusta, Georgia

The newly revitalized Augusta Wesleyan Alumnae Club and Wesleyan alumna Pat Rimmer Knox '58 sponsored a successful club fund-raiser, a concert, to benefit Leap of Faith. An Afternoon of Music was held at Sacred Heart Cultural Center in October. The concert featured musical performances by Wesleyan Conservatory graduates, classmates and longtime friends Artemisia Dennis Thevaos '52, pianist; Claire Michaels Murray '52; violinist, Eugenia Toole Glover '49, organist; and her brother William F. Toole '49, director and founder of the Augusta Collegium Musicum. The club raised \$3,000 from the Augusta community to benefit Wesleyan's campaign. Club President Shannon McGinley Hammond '99 presented Wesleyan President Ruth Knox with a check for that amount at a luncheon held at the Augusta Country Club also in October. Our thanks to Wesleyan Trustee Harriet Laslie Reynolds '62, who coordinated plans for the luncheon, and to alumnae hostesses Shannon Hammond, Kathy Russell Leysath '74, Patricia Mangum '54 and the late Nancy Cumming Connolly '51.



Conservatory Graduates: (From left) Claire Michaels Murray '52, Artemisia "Artie" Dennis Thevaos '52, William F. Toole '49 and Eugenia Toole Glover '49 perform at Sacred Heart Cultural Center.



**President Ruth Knox** accepts a check for *Leap of Faith* from Augusta Club President Shannon McGinley Hammond '99.



Ladies with a Heart: (From left) Volunteers Yancey Paschall, Ann Harrell Saunders '53, Shannon McGinley Hammond '99, Harriet Laslie Reynolds '62 and Pat Rimmer Knox '58 at Sacred Heart Cultural Center.



Augusta Luncheon Hostesses: (From left) Shannon McGinley Hammond '99, Patricia Mangum '54 and Harriet Laslie Reynolds '62 with Ruth Knox.

### Atlanta, Georgia

Members of the Atlanta Wesleyan Alumnae Club kicked off a new year in August with a party honoring new students. Hosted by Atlanta young alumnae, Missy Ryan '98 coordinated plans for the event held at St. James United Methodist Church with help from Natalie Puckett Evans '02 and Jennifer Pierce '98. In October, young alums met at Dunwoody Tavern for Cocktails and Conversation, organized by Beth Hitt '97. Club President Becky Edenfield Lingerfelt '71 welcomed members to three holiday events held in December. Jane Mulkey Green '42 hosted a Holiday Coffee at Lenbrook Square, where Weslevan guests Susan Allen, vice president for institutional advancement, and Pat Hammock Wall '70, advancement officer, brought holiday greetings from the college. Dena Zeitouni Ellis '98 hosted a Young Alumnae Holiday Party at her home in Roswell that included college guests from the annual fund office, Abbie Brannon '03 and Natalie Evans '02. Margaret Duckworth Sewell '49 also hosted a holiday party for new students at her home. A special Wesleyan afternoon at the Alliance Theatre in December provided alumnae with an opportunity to meet with playwright Sandra Deer '62 and to see her new play The Subject Tonight Is Love. Club members are also planning a Leap of Faith fund-raiser in the fall.



Atlanta Club Hostess Jane Mulkey Green '42 (left) with Mary Rudisill Trippe '33 and Ruth White Fruit '54.



Making New Friends: New students from the Atlanta area celebrate the holidays with alumnae.



Atlanta Young Alumnae celebrate the holidays in Roswell.

### Savannah, Georgia

Savannah alumnae hosted a luncheon to welcome President Ruth Knox to the city. Club President **Anne Cordeiro '92** greeted the president, area alumnae and guests at The Chatham Club in downtown Savannah in October. After sharing the latest news from the college with alumnae, Ruth Knox accepted a special *Leap of Faith* gift (\$5,000) from the club. Our thanks to **Bettye Withers Barnes '42** for coordinating plans for the luncheon and to **Petal Gibbons Montis '66, Lizann Youmans Provan '81** and **Pam Rogers Vawter '72**, who also served as alumnae hostesses. Wesleyan guests included Susan Allen and Pat Wall.



At the Chatham Club: (From left) Bettye Withers Barnes '42, Anne Cordeiro '92, President Ruth Knox, Pam Rogers Vawter '72 and Petal Gibbons Montis '66 greet alumnae in Savannah.



**Taking a Leap:** (From left) Savannah Club officers Bettye Withers Barnes '42 and Anne Cordeiro '92 present a check to President Ruth Knox for *Leap of Faith*.

### Class Notes

### Macon, Georgia

In August, Macon young alumnae hosted an on-campus get-together, "Hangin' in the Hurdle," for new students from the Middle Georgia area. Club co-leaders Kari Goellner Johnston '91 and Jenee DeChant '92 greeted young alums at a Welcome Party for Ruth Knox hosted by Kari Johnston in September. Club members participated in the Women Build Habitat House in October and sponsored a tool drive and food day for the event. Our thanks to Virginia Bowman Wilcox '90, who served as chair of the Macon Club's alumnae volunteer efforts for the Women Build Habitat House. Kudos also to Cathy A. Shuman '03, center coordinator of Wesleyan's Center for Community Engagement and Service, who coordinated plans for Habitat events. In December, club members were invited to a Holiday Coffee in Burden Parlor and to an evening Wine and Cheese party at the home of Mary Cay White McCullough '93.



An Official Welcome: Macon Club officers (from left) Mary Cay White McCullough '93, Jenee DeChant '92, Kari Goellner Johnston '91 and Brandy Hayes '98 welcome President Ruth Knox (center).



**Say Cheese!** (From left) President Ruth Knox with Macon hosts Mary Cay White McCullough '93 and her husband, Terry, at the Macon Club's *Holiday Wine and Cheese*.



**Christmas in Burden:** Macon Club alumnae gather in the Burden Parlor for the holidays.



**Side by Side:** Macon alumnae put up siding on the Habitat for Humanity house.

### Golden Isles Club (St. Simons/Brunswick, Georgia)

Coastal area alumnae shared annual holiday greetings with each other at the historic home of **Mary Tappan Garrison '46** on St. Simons Island. Wesleyan guest Cathy Snow updated alumnae with news from the college. Planning a fund-raiser for *Leap of Faith* is the club's next order of business.

Christmas Cheer from the Golden Isles: Georgia coastal area alumnae celebrate the holidays.



### Columbus, Georgia

Columbus area alumnae met downtown on the river at The Chattahoochee River Club, which provided the perfect view for a Luncheon with the President. Honored guest Ruth Knox shared her views on the future of the college with alumnae and friends. Virginia Ann Daniel Holman '75 and Ruth B. Powell '93 coordinated plans for the president's visit. Elizabeth Banowsky '95, Helen Jackson Burgin '68, Patty Pearce Cardin '68 and Leigh Copeland Sayers '93 also served as hostesses. Other guests from the college included Susan Allen, Cathy Snow and Pat Wall.



Columbus Hostesses: (From left) Virginia Ann Daniel Holman '75, Elizabeth Banowsky '95, Ruth Powell '93, Patty Pearce Cardin '68, Leigh Copeland Sayers '93 and Helen Jackson Burgin '68.



**Chattahoochee Chatter:** Columbus alumnae enjoy lunch and Wesleyan conversation at the River Club.



### West Palm Beach, Florida

Bellagio at City Place served up a gracious fare for Wesleyan alumnae who gathered for a *Summer in the City Meet and Greet* in August. Cathy Snow was on hand to update area alumnae on "all things Wesleyan." Our thanks to hostess **Susie McDonald Sheehan** '72, who planned for this special day in South Florida.

Florida Friends: West Palm Beach area alumnae meet for lunch at Bellagios. (From left) Susie McDonald Sheehan '72, Suzanne Harris McAliley '70, Marsha Jackson '76, Cathy Coxey Snow '71, Tanya Wade '89 and Zoe Leach White '77.

### Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Director of Alumnae Affairs Cathy Coxey Snow '71 hosted a Summer in the City Meet and Greet for area alumnae held at Fort Lauderdale's Bimini Boatyard. Kathy Lawrence Spada '88 and Diane Kohlmeyer '79 coordinated plans for the afternoon event.

Summer in the City: (From left) Kathy Lawrence Spada '88, Cathy Coxey Snow '71, alumnae director, and Claire Michaels Murray '52 in Fort Lauderdale.



### Class Notes





Charlotte Ladies Who Lunch: (From left) Michele McDuffie '99, Evelyn LeRoy Fortson '52 and Diane A. Lumpkin '63 with President Ruth Knox at Myers Park Country Club.

### Charlotte, North Carolina

A Luncheon with the President was held at Myers Park Country Club in October, where area alumnae enjoyed an update on the college from Ruth Knox. Evelyn LeRoy Fortson '52 and Wesleyan Trustee Diane A. Lumpkin '63, planned for the event, along with other alumnae hostesses Lori Reese Patton '90 and Michele McDuffie '99. College guests Cathy Snow and Pat Wall accompanied the president to Charlotte and met with alumnae and friends of the college.

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### Columbia, South Carolina

In October, area alumnae enjoyed dinner and conversation with President Ruth Knox at The Palmetto Club in downtown Columbia. Jan Bull Simpson '70 and Betty Bruner '44 coordinated plans for the dinner with help from Licia Drinnon Jackson '74 and Mary Jeffcoat '72, who also served as alumnae hostesses. Former Wesleyan President Bob Ackerman and his wife, May, were also on hand to greet Wesleyan's new president. Other Wesleyan guests included Cathy Snow and Pat Wall.



Palmetto Club Hostesses: (Front row from left) Licia Drinnon Jackson '74, Jan Bull Simpson '70, Betty Bruner '44, and President Ruth Knox. (Back row from left) Cathy Snow and Mary Jeffcoat '72 welcome alumnae in Columbia.



Rainy Day Women: (From left) Hostesses Jeanette Loflin Shackelford '61, Martha Bradford Swann '47, Hale Coble Edwards '73 and Ellen Beard Martin '68 with President Ruth Knox (center).

### Greenville, South Carolina

In October, Wesleyan alumnae from three states braved the wet weather, South Carolina football traffic and the hectic atmosphere of an annual downtown festival to attend *Dinner with the President* at The Commerce Club in Greenville. The stormy weather did not dampen the Wesleyan spirit of a night that belonged to President Ruth Knox, who shared news from the college with alumnae and guests. Many thanks to **Ellen Beard Martin '68** who planned the dinner and to alumnae hostesses **Hale Coble Edwards '73, Sara Stuart Seaborn '55, Jeanette Loflin Shackelford '61** and **Martha Bradford Swann '47**. College guests Cathy Snow and Pat Wall also enjoyed visiting with classmates and friends.

For more information about an alumnae club in your area or forming a new group, contact Cathy Snow, director of alumnae affairs, at (478) 757-5172 or e-mail csnow@wesleyancollege.edu.

### Club News & Announcements

### Memoriam

1916	Myrtle Taliaforne Dankin	1935	Jamie Tyson Dodd	1948	Nancy Claymore Carrison Charlotte Alexander Parrish Jane McCowen Seifert
1918		1936	Brownie Buck Elliott Ella Pearl "Eppie" Pinson Hall		
1922 1923	Marguerite Roberts Malcolm Lucile Sanders Sewell	1937	Helen Davis Exley Margaret "Pinkie" Evans Knox	1949	Frances Florence "Frankie" Bently Dorothy Elyea McKenzie Joyce Miller Morgan Frances Sewell Elliott Simons
1925	Marie Patten Smith	1938	Ursula Lowrie Burn		
1926	Sara Frances Asbury Geiger	1939	Ann Maria Domingos Lorrayne Benson Hockman	1951	Nancy Cumming Connolly Elinor Smith Miller Ann Hawks Nimocks
1928	Marjorie Jacob Caudill Ruth Carr Jones Johns	1940	Mary Cummins Armstrong		
	Enna Morris		Julia Harper Fisher Martha Hausmann Mayberry	1952	Joanne Allgood Fuller
1929	Ruby Winters Bloodworth	1942	Maria Hertwig Durban Sara Peters Mudter	1954	Mary Alice Mohr Permenter
1930	Margaret McElrath Likes			1955	Jane McCain Douglas
	May Belle Power Miller	1943	Jeanne Kaple	1958	Polly Parker Kitchens
1932	Roberta Cason Cox Marian Wrigley Dashiell		Dorothea Harden Keen Suzanne Davis Hardee Mary Jo Peterson McDermid Margaret Gallaher Rives	1959	Ruth Thomas Flurschutz Ann Leighton Hanley
	Louise Bayne Haverfield Melissa Jack Hurt Dixie Jones LeDuc	1544		1963	Pency Henrietta Zeesman Mangum Marsha Dykes Stevens
	Martha Benns Reeves	1946	Ophelia Trice Hollomon Jane Spearman Struby	1964	Harriett Kelley Wrigley
	Sara Fountain Rowell			1967	Gwendolyn Lee (Sell) Sorrell
1933	Lelia Jones Horton	1947	Jeanne Gerner Avary	1968	Mary Virginia Knox McNeill
934	Marjorie Hobbs Douglas Frances Tippins Laws Betty Hitch Owens		Lucretia Davenport Rifai	1977	Suzan Lockhart Miller

In Memoriam
May-ling Soong
(Madame Chiang
Kai-shek)
1897–2003



he Wesleyan community was saddened to learn of the death of Madame Chiang Kai-shek, Class of 1915, on October 23, 2003. As Mayling Soong, she came to Wesleyan with her older sister Ching-ling, Madame Sun Yat-sen, Class of 1913, to join their other sister Ai-ling, Madame H.H. Kung, Class of 1909.

Though only 10 years old she insisted on coming to Wesleyan. She lived at first with the family of the college president, Dr. W.N. Ainsworth. She was tutored by members of the college faculty along with the children of faculty members until she was old enough to enter the freshman class. She remained in close touch with teachers Mrs. Maria Weaver Burks, Miss Margie Burks, Class of 1904, and Miss Lucy Lester, Class of 1903, throughout her life, visiting them whenever she was in the United States. Twice during her long life she returned to her alma mater. During her 1943 visit she received an honorary doctorate for herself and her two sisters. At that time she

was hooded by Mrs. Ainsworth, in whose home she had lived. In 1965 she again visited Wesleyan and made what she called "a sentimental journey to recall the halcyon days of my childhood."

This extraordinary woman along with her husband worked tirelessly to modernize their native China and to defend their country against the Japanese invasion and the communist takeover.

Betty Thompson, Class of 1947, and Dona Vaughn, Class of 1966, attended the memorial service for Madame Chiang in New York City on behalf of the college. Dignitaries from the Republic of China and the United States attended the moving and memorable service, which was conducted in English and Chinese. Each of them commented on the respect shown to them when it was learned they represented Wesleyan.

President Ruth Knox, in her message to the college community, expressed sympathy to Madame Chiang's family and ordered the college carillon to toll in memory of this illustrious alumna.



Sympathy

The Wesleyan College Alumnae Association extends sympathy to:

Mary Jones Clayton Meier '26 of Roanoke, Va., on the death of her sister, Ruth Jones Johns '28 of Waco, Texas, on July 2, 2003.

Barbara Davis Morgan '39 of Covington, Ga., on the death of her sister, Suzanne Davis Hardee '44 of Fernandina Beach, Fla., on January 27, 2004.

**Eugenia Launius Clark '40** of Louisville, Ga., on the death of her husband, Samuel M. Clark Sr., on August 1, 2002.

Ruth Hall Knox '40 of Thomson, Ga., on the death of her daughter, Mary Virginia Knox McNeill '68, on February 15, 2004 and on the death of her sister-in-law, Margaret "Pinkie" Evans Knox '37, of Evans, Ga., on July 27, 2003.

Kathleen Davis '41 of Fernandina Beach, Fla., on the death of her sister, Suzanne Davis Hardee '44 of Fernandina Beach, Fla., on January 27, 2004.

Sarah Louise "Weezie" Turner Butler '41 and Betty Turner Corn '47 both of Columbus, Ga., on the death of Weezie's husband and Betty's brother-in-law, Dr. Clarence C. Butler, on January 5, 2004.

Margaret Futch Brown '44 of Gastonia, N.C., on the death of her brother, Thurston DuPuis Futch Jr., on September 21, 2003.

French Dekle Kelsey '44 of St. Simons Island, Ga., on the death of her sister.

**Dorothy Daley Kirschbaum '44** of Candler, N.C., on the death of her husband, Herbert S. Kirschbaum, on December 19, 2003.

Mary Ellen Findlay Schmich '45 of Eugene, Ore., on the death of her sister, Roxie Christine Findlay Harwell, on October 7, 2003.

Jean Cone Snooks '45 of Ailey, Ga., on the death of her husband, Bartow Randolph Snooks, a former Wesleyan trustee, on February 8, 2004.

Mary Nunn Domingos '46 and Richard of Macon on the death of Mary's sister-in-law and Richard's sister, Ann Maria Domingos '39 on January 21, 2004.

**JoAnn Cox Looper '47** of Dalton, Ga., on the death of her son, Harry Stuart Looper, in 2002.

Virginia Green Baird-Krout '48 of Atlanta, on the death of her daughter, Regina Baird Counts, on July 15, 2003. Elizabeth Elyea Ward '48 of Atlanta, on the death of her sister, Dorothy Elyea McKenzie '49, on January 28, 2004.

Joan Coart Johnson '51 of Atlanta, on the death of her husband, Dr. Henry Johnson Jr. on April 29, 2002.

Evelyn Thompson Tharp '52 of Davidson, N.C., on the death of her husband, John Whittier Tharp, on April 24, 2003.

**Delma Findlay Watson '52** of Macon on the deaths of her husband, William Augustin "Gus" Watson Ill., on January 24, 2004, and sister, Roxie Christine Findlay Harwell of Gray, Ga., on October 7, 2003.

Margot Shapiro Newman Jackson '53 of San Diego, Calif., on the death of her husband renowned jazz musician, Chubby Jackson, on October 1, 2003.

Eleanor Thompson Futch '57 of Macon and Jeannie Futch Lewis '77 of Atlanta on the death of Eleanor's husband and Jeannie's father, Thurston DuPuis Futch Jr., on September 21, 2003.

Joan Bloodworth Nunnelly '57 of East Point, Ga., on the death of her mother, Ruby Winters Bloodworth '29 of Milledgeville, Ga., on September 16, 2003.

Marguerite Malcolm Yarboro '57 of Titusville, Fla., on the death of her mother, Marguerite Roberts Malcolm '22 of Douglas, Ga., in October of 2003.

Jean Permenter Patrick '58 of Cornelia, Ga., on the death of her sister-in-law, Mary Alice Mohr Permenter '54 of Tampa, Fla., in January 2002.

Carol King Pope '59 of Macon on the death of her mother, Inez King Kent, in April 2003.

Calla Astin Bobo '60 of Atlanta on the death of her husband, J. Edward Bobo, on August 16, 2003.

Sylvia Wyllys Boone '60 of Macon on the death of her mother, Catherine Dickson Wyllys Parks of Macon on February 8, 2004.

Peggy Likes Miller '65 of Portland, Ore., on the death of her mother, Margaret McElrath Likes '30, in January 2001.

Carol Adams Garland '66 of Macon on the death of her father, Rufus Adams, on January 7, 2004

Alice McConnell Abrams '67 of Lincolnton, N.C., on the death of her husband, Edgar Barber "Bobby" Abrams, on December 18, 2003. Bet

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Helen Harwell Smith '67 of Washington, D.C., on the death of her mother, Roxie Christine Findlay Harwell, on October 7, 2003.

Marilyn Vickers '67 of Athens, Ga., on the death of her son, Will Chittick, on January 25, 2004.

**Susan Alyce Cobleigh '68** of Decatur, Ga., on the death of her mother, Alyce Brooks Cobleigh, on January 26, 2004.

**Dianne Carstarphen Bowman '69** of Macon on the death of her mother, Grace Irby Carstarphen, on June 10, 2003.

Susan Lutters Northcutt '69 of Lawrenceville, Ga., on the death of her father, Forrest P. "Bill" Lutters, on July 2, 2003.

**Linda Golden Moore '70** of Thomasville, Ga., on the death of her mother, **Charlotte Alexander Parrish '48**, of Quitman, Ga., on December 30, 2003.

Cacia Morris Orser '70 of Ft. Myers, Fla., on the death of her father, Truman A. Morris, on January 14, 2003.

Frances Hollomon DeWolff '71 of Annapolis, Md., on the death of her mother, Ophelia Trice Hollomon '46 of Gainesville, Ga., on August 19, 2003.

**Ellen Cobleigh Tomter** '71 of Watkinsville, Ga., on the death of her mother, Alyce Brooks Cobleigh, on January 26, 2004.

Nita Golden Penland '72 of Winchester, Tenn., on the death of her mother, Charlotte Alexander Parrish '48, of Quitman, Ga., on December 30, 2003.

**Linda Mills Sankey** '72 of Macon on the death of her daughter, Tomilyn Bell Crowell, on October 11, 2003.

**Eileen Vickery Thurmond** '72 of Atlanta on the death of her father, Raymond F. Vickery, on December 28, 2003.

Susan Wyllys Wallace '72 of Savannah, Ga., on the death of her mother Catherine Dickson Wyllys Parks of Macon, on February 8, 2004.

**Debra Henderson Hoobler** '73 of McDonough, Ga., on the death of her mother, Helen M. Edwards, on May 23, 2003.

### Announcements

Beth Carstarphen Hagerman '74 of Macon on the death of her mother, Grace Irby Carstarphen, on June 10, 2003.

Hazel Burns Struby '74 of Gray, Ga., on the death of her mother-in-law, Jane Spearman Struby '46 of Tampa, Fla., on November 6, 2003.

Ruth A. Knox '75 of Macon on the death of her sister, Mary Virginia Knox McNeill '68 of Thomson, Ga., on February 15, 2004, and on the death of her aunt, Margaret "Pinkie" Evans Knox '37, of Evans, Ga., on July 27, 2003.

Bett Snooks Moses '75 on the death of her father, Bartow Randolph Snooks, a former Wesleyan trustee, on February 8, 2004.

Jean Spooner Frey '77 of Tallahassee, Fla., on the death of her sister-in-law, Nancy Spooner, on September 11, 2003.

Toni Permenter Hinchcliff '79 of Columbia, Md., on the death of her mother, Mary Alice Mohr Permenter '54 of Tampa, Fla., in January 2002.

Natalie Anderson Rauch '79 of Midland, Ga., on the unexpected death of her mother, Derry Anderson, on December 24, 2003.

Cynthia McKenzie Nardi '80 of Decatur, Ga., on the death of her mother, Dorothy Elyea McKenzie '49, on January 28, 2004.

Judith Lane Brown '83 of Laurens, S.C., on the death of her mother, Miriam Holmes Lane, on November 15, 2003.

Page Clements '84 of Unionville, N.Y., on the death of her father, John Sherwood Clements Jr., on December 24, 2003.

Carla Asbell '87 of Macon on the deaths of her father, Olin Lee Asbell, on July 16, 2003, and her sister, Ethel Bennett "Bene" Asbell on January 27, 2003.

Annie Mae Leonard Mitcham '90 of Macon on the death of her husband, Wilbur "Chef" Mitcham, on June 15, 2003. Kelly Flurschutz Shippey '91 of Stone Mountain, Ga., on the death of her mother, Ruth Thomas Flurschutz '59, on December 11, 2003.

Susan Horton '95 of Carrollton, Ga., on the death of her mother, Deborah K. Horton, in October 2003.

Suzanne Wrenn Spooner Faulk '97 of Nashville, Tenn., on the death of her mother, Nancy Spooner, on September 11, 2003.

Katie Sadler '00 of Atlanta on the death of her brother, Jadie Lee Young, on November 22, 2003.

**Yanira Chevere '01** of Jonesboro, Ga., on the death of her father, Roberto Chevere, on November 15, 2003.

Elizabeth Herbers-Sanger '02 of Atlanta on the death of her father, Mark Sanger, on November 12, 2003.

**Lisa Hargrove Willett '02** of Macon on the death of her son, Jadie Lee Young, on November 22, 2003.

### Georgia Women of Achievement Inductee Louise Frederick Hays, Class of 1900

"The story of the death this past weekend of Louise Hays... made her sound important and capable—and she was both.... To her the yellowed, musty old pages of Georgia history were as alive as tomorrow's newspaper... Georgia history is going to miss Mrs. Hays."

Those words penned by the late Celestine Sibley in her Atlanta Journal/Constitution column acknowledged the death of Wesleyan alumna Louise Frederick Hays (1900) in the fall of 1951.

Recently, Hays was more thoroughly honored when she was inducted into Georgia Women of Achievement on March 11. Nominated by the Wesleyan College Alumnae Association, her induction was held at Wesleyan, where her grandson Dr. J. Harper Gaston and his family attended the ceremony that recognized her contributions to Georgia as the state's second female historian and archivist. Hays' accomplishments for many social causes will remain as examples of her selfless commitment to women, humankind in general and her beloved Georgia.

Hays, a widowed mother of two, managed many commitments while personally operating the family farming business. Her accomplishments began at a time when women were not welcomed at the polls, in boardrooms or in high profile public jobs.

She entered Wesleyan College in 1897 and graduated three years later. She was president of the Philomathean Society (Phi Mu) and the editor of the college's first yearbook, The Phi Mu Annual of 1900.

After graduation, she began fighting for women's sufferage, promoting the idea of coeducation, encouraging women to be leaders in Georgia, serving others through the Federated Women's Clubs and increasing awareness of many social issues.

She served as director of the Georgia Department of Archives and History from 1937 until her death. In that position, Hays was able to secure federal funding to make dramatic progress in compiling and indexing more than 50 volumes of important historical records.

She wrote acclaimed histories of the Frederick-Rumph families and *Hero of Hornet's Nest: A Biography of General Elijah Clark.* She was awarded an honorary Doctor of Letters from UGA in 1924 and was the first woman in the United States to receive an honorary degree for club work.

Hays was also the first woman to be



Louise Frederick Hays (1881–1951)

appointed a trustee of a state college Georgia State Normal College in Athens in 1928 and the youngest president of Georgia State Federation of Women's Clubs.

Upon her death, the Colonial Dames of America proclaimed, "Georgia owes her a debt of gratitude that can never be repaid."



**Marriages** 

The Wesleyan College Alumnae Association extends congratulations to:

Mary Ann "Polly" Pollard '60, who married Calvin Houghland on September 4, 2003. They reside in Brentwood, Tenn.

**Glennda Kingry '65** of Macon, who married A.V. Elliott on August 24, 2003.

Jacqueline Webb '78/'79 of Grayson, Ga., who married Larry Bullard on July 5, 2003.

Nadine Cheek Jurgensen '79 of Macon, who married Gary Lynn Whitney on June 14, 2003. Monica Harper '04 played the organ for the ceremony.

Caroline Thomas '81 of Munster, Germany, who married Peter Balint in July 2002. Roommate Rhonda Helton Hambright '82 attended the wedding. The couple lives in Munster.

Robyn Miller '91 of Macon, who married Daniel Wright Schopp on March 8, 2003.

Hallie Suber '93 of Bainbridge, Ga., who married Ricky Hampton Prince in Gretna, Fla., on November 8, 2003. The couple will make their home in Faceville, Ga. Hallie is the proud stepmom of 6-year-old Bailey Prince.

Jaqui Dravis '94 of Macon, who married Mark Wilson on June 7, 2003. Classmate Tara Elmore-Mitchell was a bridesmaid in the wedding. Jennifer Aiello '95 of Atlanta, Ga., who married Duncan Connor of Newcastle, England, on October 5, 2002.

Erinne Karras Guice '95, who married Dr. Jonathan Hatchett on October 4, 2003. Susan Horton '95 of Carrollton, Ga., was a bridesmaid. Dr. and Mrs. Hatchett make their home in Breman, Ga. Jonathan is the local veterinarian and Erinne is a self-employed artist.

Marcie Caraballo '97 of Naples, Fla., who married Dr. Peter Nguyen on October 5, 2002.

Suzanne Wrenn Spooner '97 of Nashville, Tenn., who married Tony Faulk on December 30, 2003, in Las Vegas. Nancy Lamb '95 of Augusta, Ga., served as maid of honor.

Amy Stone '00 of Macon, who married James Braddock on December 24, 2003.

Andrea Morgan '01 of Covington, Ga., who married David Mendez on November 29, 2003. Abbie Smoak '01, Rachael Shaw '02, and Shelley Fleuren '02, were bridesmaids. Saralyn Stewart '02 and Trista Dudich '02 were hostesses. Angela Weddington Varisco '01 and April Prince '02 sang.

Catherine O'Kelley '02 of Macon, who married Brooke Fore on November 8, 2003.

Jennifer Connor '95, Laurie Gibson '02,

Alison Mandell, '02, Abbie Smoak '01,

Saralyn Stewart '02 and Megan Temple '03

were all in the wedding, which was officiated by the Rev. Bill Hurdle.

Lisa Dawn Wilson '02 of Palatka, Fla., who married Joel Timothy Clark on December 28, 2002. Saralyn Stewart '02 played the music for the wedding and Susan Lynn Toler '98 served as a bridesmaid. The couple spent their honeymoon in Rome, Italy. Lisa and Joel reside in Moscow, Idaho.

Jennifer Dunlap '03 of Brunswick, Ga., who married Samuel James Miller on July 19, 2003.

**Kathleen Martin '03** of Macon, who married Keith English on August 16, 2003.

Mara Richter '03, who married John Lesho in 2003. They currently live in Baltimore, Md.

### **Births and Family Additions**

The Wesleyan College Alumnae Association extends congratulations to:

**Debbie Stevenson Moses '89** and Robert of Atlanta, on the birth of a daughter, Elisabeth Eva, on October 10, 2003.

Monni Asbell Parrish '89 and Charlie of Macon, on the adoption of Audrey (4) and Nicole (2). They returned home from Russia on April 15, 2003.

**Tonya Brown Wilson '90** and Brad of Monroe, Ga., on the birth of a daughter, Heather Ashley Wilson, born on May 20, 2003. Big sister Melanie is 3 years old.

Hazel Varnedoe Margelli '92 and Dan of Acworth, Ga., on the birth of a daughter, Eliza Kate Margelli, born on October 25, 2003. Big brother Jack (2) is thrilled.

Rachel Mathis '93 and husband James Tillman of Tallahassee, Fla., on the birth of a daughter, Ava Colette Mathis Tillman on August 7, 2003. Daniella Bach Pedersen '93 and Lars Holm of Denmark, on the birth of a daughter, Rebekka, in September 2003.

Kea Hoover Mitchell '95 and Terrell of Macon on the birth of a daughter, Lillian Kea Mitchell, on April 2, 2003. Grandmother, (Lillian) Mary Terrell Mitchell '59, is very proud of her new namesake—and so is big brother Little Tee.

Elizabeth "Izzy" Leaman Hague '96 and Brian of Orange Park, Fla., on the birth of a daughter, Olivia Kathleen, in September 2003.

**Stephanie Pate Lewis '97** and Jason of Rome, Ga., on the birth of a son, Carter Gregory Lewis, on August 15, 2003.

Suzanne Grigsby Wieschorster '97 and Matt of Macon, on the birth of a son, Benjamin Joseph "Benji" Wieschorster, on July 12, 2003.

Carmen Kypriandes Garcia '98 and Ed of Lakewood, Calif., on the birth of their second son, Nicholas Antonios "Nico" Garcia, on January 6, 2003.

Caroline Talavera Jacobson '00 of England on the birth of a daughter, Kayla Shae, on August 28, 2003. Big sister Jordan Elizabeth is delighted.

**Angela Weddington Varisco '01** and Brian of Fayetteville, Ga., on the birth of a daughter, Anna Elizabeth, on January 27, 2004.

### 1920s

Congratulations to Irene Sewell Hobby '22, who celebrated her 101st birthday in September. The former president of the Wesleyan College Alumnae Association is an advocate of the CVI (Center for the Visually Impaired) in Atlanta. The center featured Mrs. Hobby in a recent promotional piece as a spokesperson for their programs.

### 1930s

The second and revised printing of *Pioneer Daughter* by Margaret Garnett Harris '30 of Johnson City, Tennessee, has just been released. The book is about the early days in Palm Beach County and the mail carrier (her father was one) who walked the mail from Palm Beach to surrounding towns.

Classmates will be glad to know that Virginia Perry Buckner '33 is on the mend after breaking the main bone in her left foot getting off of a Mexican bus near Progresso. She and her daughter were on a cruise and headed back to the ship when the accident happened. Virginia hated to miss this year's reunion but vows to attend future ones. She has fond memories of the late Elizabeth "Beth" Hodgins '58, who was a retired art teacher and her daughter's best friend for many years.

From her home in Winter Park, Florida, Martha Gaines Cash Smith '34 writes that she is thrilled with our President Ruth A. Knox '75, whom she has known since Ruth was a little girl. Martha has been a close friend of the president's mother, Ruth Hall Knox '40, and was the best friend of the president's aunt, Mary Lyles Aiken Knox '34. "We are blessed beyond words," writes Martha.

Charmian Stuart Thomson '34 and her husband, Marvin, celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary on October 1, 2003. Charmian goes swimming every day in the pool at her residence and still drives, although Marvin has been in a nursing home for a year. She writes from Omaha, Nebraska, "I often think of Wesleyan classmates and wonder what they are doing now. Write me!"

Julia Munroe Woodward '34 celebrated her 89th birthday in Montreat, North Carolina, last summer. Her children arranged a party that welcomed relatives (all 68 members of her family) and friends, including her sisters Mary Gray Munroe Cobey '34 and Margaret Munroe Thrower '35 and Margaret's husband, Randolph. Julia writes: "I was in heaven without having to die!"

From her home in Atlanta, Margaret Munroe Thrower '35 sent in an update on Wesleyan friends. "Louise Caldwell Arnall '35 has moved to Wesley Woods in Newnan, Georgia. Mary Smith Johnson '35 is now a widow and continues to live on Peachtree Street."

Margaret and her sister, Julia, have fond memories of Margaret "Pinkie" Evans Knox '37 from Evans, Georgia, who died in July 2003. Pinkie's son married the daughter of one of Julia's best friends. (See In Memoriam.)

Wesleyan Conservatory graduate **Dorothy Rountree Budd '39** is still in demand as a piano teacher. She is a resident of Wesley Woods Towers in Atlanta, where she teaches 15 students and also plays for the worship services there.

In 1896, when Richard F. Burden built a miniature Victorian-style playhouse for his daughters, could he have guessed how many children would enjoy it over the years? For five generations the "dollhouse" has been a cherished backyard hideaway for his family. His granddaughter, the late Ann Maria Domingos '39 once said, "Oh, the memories that little place holds! We would dress up and hold elaborate tea parties." Ann Maria and her bother Richard donated the house to Vineville United Methodist Church, where their grandfather's family heirloom has taken on new life as a community treasure. The story of the playhouse appeared in the June 2003 issue of Southern Living. (See In Memoriam.)

### 1940s

"Congratulations to Ruth Hall Knox '40 for having a daughter who is a Wesleyan graduate and has become president of the college. Isn't this a Wesleyan First?" writes Winnett Turner Holt '41 from Thomasville, Georgia.

One of Lucy Cline Huie's '41 favorite pastimes is writing stories. A recent tale, "Hugging to Music," recalls the spring of 1941 at Wesleyan, when the college lifted the restriction on campus dances! Lucy reminisces about the lengths she had to go to get her Methodist minister father to sign the permission paper for her to dance, and the magic of seeing the dining hall transformed into a ballroom with students in elegant gowns, an orchestra and handsome soldiers from Camp Wheeler.

Mary Stewart Becking McClain '42 has moved into a retirement home (Alexian Village) on Signal Mountain, Tennessee. She has a new great grandson, Charles Becking Lewis born to her granddaughter, MaryStewart Glendenning Lewis '92.

Geneva Davidson Baird '44 is a resident of A.G. Rhodes Home in Marietta, Georgia. She would love to hear from her college friends. Please write her at 900 Wylie Road, Room 221, Marietta, Georgia 30067 or give her a call at (770) 590-1477.

Margaret Spear Dieterich '44 of Springfield, Virginia, looks forward to her class reunion in April. In November she moved to Greenspring Village retirement community into a new apartment, which has a balcony with a view of the woods. The food is delicious, too!

From her home in Athens, Georgia, Frances Sanders Richter '44 writes that she is "looking forward to our 60th class reunion in April."

Jo Patterson Bettoja '47 has a new cookbook in print. The book, *In a Roman Kitchen: Timeless Recipes from the Eternal City*, includes an introduction from the mayor of Rome Walter Veltroni. (*See article, page 39*)

Anne Carlton Blanchard '47 and Jane Clapp Anderson '48 have renewed their friendship from the last time they saw one another in 1947! Jane lives in Montreat and Anne lives nearby in Swannanoa, North Carolina. Jane hosted a luncheon that included Anne and other Wesleyan guests Marie Wilson Turner '48 and Jean Campbell Calef '48.

Marijean Allsopp Eilers '47 calls Thomasville, Georgia, home. Marijean's daughter, Carol Bacon Kelso '73, also lives there. When granddaughter Anna Kelso '06 comes home on breaks, there are three generations of Wesleyannes in Thomasville!

**Betty Thompson '47** of New York City represented Wesleyan College at the memorial service for Madame Chiang Kai- shek in November.

"My husband, Dan, and I continue to divide our time between Southern California and Atlanta. We also travel in the U.S. and in Europe (Greece in April 2004). My only daughter, Regina (42), died in an automobile accident in July," writes **Virginia Green Baird-Krout** '48 from Atlanta. (See Sympathy.)

Bootsie McWilliams Goforth '48 enjoyed the alumnae luncheon with President Knox in Charlotte, North Carolina. "It was a huge success."

"I moved from Carrollton, Georgia, last year and now live at Deerfield Episcopal Retirement Community in Asheville, North Carolina," writes Mary Nims Hogan '48. "My daughter lives in Atlanta and works for the CDC. My twin granddaughters are both married and live in Denver. I now have two great grandchildren, one born in January 2004!"

Kudos to Maconite Louise Futrelle Dodd '49, who received the 2003 award for fiction presented by The Writers Club of Macon. A talented writer and columnist, Louise has received the award for two consecutive years. The title of the winning entry was *The Blue Feather Secret*. Louise also joined classmates Carolyn Wood Solana, Pat Johnson Childs,

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Bev Folsom Dyer, and Beverly Banks Boland on a recent trip to New York. One of Macon's best-known hostesses, Louise's china collection and her expertise in setting a fine table took center stage in an article featured in The Macon Telegraph in August.

Eugenia Toole Glover '49 is

Organist/Director of Music at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church in Augusta, Georgia. She still pursues an active career in piano and organ and is active in the arts and cultural organizations of the city. In October, Eugenia was a featured performer for the Augusta Wesleyan Alumnae Club's *Leap of Faith* fundraiser at Sacred Heart Cultural Center.

Roslyn Atkinson Harden '49 sends love to all her classmates and Wesleyan friends from her home in Decatur, Georgia. "I think of all of you often." Roslyn says she is doing quite well, despite the challenges of having Parkinson's disease. All of her family lives in the greater Atlanta area, except for son Tim and his family, who live in Macon.

After retiring in 1992, **Ruby Layson '49** went back to work part-time this year to teach English as a Second Language to three middle school students from Mexico. She also traveled to Costa Rica in June and wrote an article about her interview with former President Rodrigo Carazo.

"Mary McKay Stephan '49 and her husband, Bill, came by in July for a visit on their way to North Carolina," reports Wilhelmenia Taylor Nesbit '49 from Carnesville, Georgia. "We had a great time reminiscing."

Marietta, Georgia, resident Nadine Cranmer Read '49 retired from Office Max on December 31st. Her husband works as a substitute teacher at Marietta High School and Nadine thinks that teaching may be her next job...after resting for a while.

The December bicentennial celebration for the City of Statesboro, Georgia, kept **Elizabeth** "**Libba**" **Cook Smith** '**49** really busy this year. She and other planners turned the downtown area into a "turn of the century" era town!

"My family and I were big fans of Alice Nunn '49, who appeared in movies and TV for years. We were very sad to learn that she had died," writes Martha Barrett Woodard '49. (See In Memoriam, Summer 2003.)

### 1950s

Louise Cochran Mayfield '50 of Clarksville, Tennessee, is proud to report, "I'm still here 10 years after my triple bypass surgery!" On June 28, 2003, friends and family helped **Anne McKay Garris** '51 and her husband, Berle, celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a dinner cruise on Clearwater Beach's finest cruise boat.

Becky Dodd Hollady '51 appreciates the anonymous Wesleyanne who made a gift in her honor to the *Leap of Faith* campaign. "I was so touched when I received a note that this had been done. This was received during a very stressful time in my life. I long to thank whoever it was."

Robin Chesney Hopkins '51 and her husband took a cruise to Central America in November. They visited pyramids in Honduras and Belize. Their only grandchild, Penelope, recently made her "big debut" when she sang in the opera "Hansel and Gretel" children's chorus in Northampton, Massachusetts, presented by the Commonwealth Opera of Massachusetts.

The new Vice President of the Chattanooga Area Historical Association is **LaVonne Collins Jolley '51.** Lavonne also serves as president of the Tennessee Valley Daylily Society. In fact, her garden has been honored as an American Hemerocallis Society National Display Garden. She has eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren, Emily and Caleb.

Alice Weldon Clark '52 of Dayton, Ohio, writes, "It's great to be a great!" Alice's grand-daughter, Jennifer, and her husband welcomed a daughter, Anastasia Lee, to the family. She's "great #2." Alice's grandson, Rick, has 5 year-old Brandon, "great #1."

Peggy Stiles McKown '52 and her husband, residents of Chattanooga, Tennessee, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in February 2003. That winter also found them spending a month with their oldest son, David, soaking up the sunshine at his home near San Diego, California.

"Our 50th reunion was wonderful. Don't know why I haven't been coming more often! Thanks for arranging such a special occasion," writes Joanne Stiefel Eubanks '53 from Augusta.

It has taken a while to get things settled in their new home in Alpharetta, Georgia, but **Olive Long Kellum** '53 says that she and Owen "are making grand progress with the help of friends and family and others." They spent Christmas in Mobile with the entire family.

"It was so wonderful seeing dear friends and classmates at the 50th reunion, and the events planned were very enjoyable," writes Carol Casey Rowland '53 from St.

Augustine, Florida. "Thanks, Wesleyan, for a memorable event."

Former Wesleyan professor Dr. Carl Bennett, who lives in Laurinburg, North Carolina, reports that he and his wife, Margaret, have had visits from Caroline Eagerton Upperco '53, who lives in Arlington, Virginia, and Gerry Dixon Eddy '53, from Pensacola, Florida. He and his wife are both retired from St. Andrews Presbyterian College. Dr. Bennett taught at Wesleyan from 1944–1959 with Dr. Gignilliat.

Jean Malone Seegmueller '54 is still working but finds time for "lots of trips to the beach in Panama City, Florida." She recently attended a book signing for Donnie Donaldson Porterfield's ('54) book, Where Were You When the Parsonage Fell Down? Jean says the book is excellent and it was great to see a Purple Knight.

It's another Wesleyan First for Louise S. White '54! Louise compiled and edited a comprehensive list of Georgia authors that is critiqued yearly by Georgia librarians. Posted on the internet by Georgia Public Library Services, the list covers authors past and present. It has been revised yearly for the past 10 years and includes annual input from Georgia librarians and media specialists. Louise received an M.A. in Librarianship from Emory in 1962 but being a grandmother of two is a whole new degree. The "grands" live in DeKalb County and she enjoys her status as babysitter.

Susan Bunn Woodward '54 and husband Bill celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on November 22, 2003. Their daughters, sonsin-law and seven grandchildren all live in Griffin, Georgia, where the Woodwards reside.

"Congratulations to you, Ruth Knox," writes Elizabeth Wilson Lowry '55 from Glen Allen, Virginia. "We're proud to have the Golden Hearts so well-represented in the President's Office!"

Patsy Barfield Vaughn '55 has been happily married to Curtis Vaughn for almost four years. She worked as a high school guidance counselor and retired recently. Patsy and Curt have built a new home in a gated, 55 and up community with all the amenities in Haines City, Florida. They look forward to traveling in their motor home after Curt retires this spring.

In August 2003, JoAnn Copeland Chapple '56 enjoyed a mini reunion in Fort Gaines, Georgia, with Marianne Morris '56 and eleven other Green Knights.

The paintings of **Pat Drew '56** have been getting a lot of attention lately. In addition to her solo show at the Cobb Chamber of Commerce this summer, The ArtStation in Stone Mountain, Georgia, hosted her show, "The Immigrants," in September. Pat's third show in her "American Quilt Series" will attempt to

parallel the lives of ordinary Americans with the gods and goddesses from ancient Greece and Rome. Also, two limited editions of her work will soon be available.

Maggie Anderson Bankston, granddaughter of Sue Simms Dunn '56 of Richland, Georgia, enrolled at Wesleyan this fall. "We are just delighted to have another generation to add to the list!"

"I'm teaching art in my studio five afternoons a week," writes St. Simons Island, Georgia, resident **Charlotte Poole Harrell '56.** She continues work on the book she read to her class at reunion.

Her Royal Highness of the Purple Ribbon (Lou Ann) summoned eleven members of the Green Knight Class of '56's Order of Moon Pie together at Bagby Park (Fort Gaines, Georgia). Frivolity, much, much fun, laughter and conversation was had by Marianne, Lou Ann, "Tap", Jo, Pat Drew, Arlene, Toot, Happy, Paula, Trudy, Carolyn and honorary member Anne Lynn," reports Marianne Morris '56.

According to Julie Adams Hawk '57 of Flowery Branch, Georgia, "keeping in touch with classmates is wonderful!" She and Nan McClellan Flowers '57 and Eleanor Deal Law '56 went to Highlands, North Carolina, to see Jean Middlebrooks Morris '57 in one of her productions with the Community Players. In October, Julie and Eleanor enjoyed a great tour to Ireland. "It's been fun corresponding with my e-mail buddies."

Peggy Miller Nelson '57 keeps up with her Wesleyan classmates. In July, she visited with Julie Adams Hawk '57 while on vacation at Lake Junaluska. Peggy and Floreida Judge Harrell '57 traveled to Indiana to visit Peggy's daughter and Betty Brabston Ballard '57 came down from Michigan to meet them there. Peggy also hears regularly from Emily Hodges Young '57 in Conyers, Georgia, and Dot McComack Adler in Tampa, Florida.

From Lantana, Florida, Sandra Deisch Ringdahl '57 says "Hi!" to all Tri-K Pirates!

Central Texas (Round Rock) is where Nancy Cook Hollingsworth '58 and her husband have been for the past 16 months. They enjoy living closer to their three sons and to Nancy's sister. Charlie and Nancy both volunteer at a local food bank. Nancy also tutors adults in an ESL program.

Congratulations to Mary Reese Myers '58 of Gainesville, Georgia, who had a hole-in-one on August 28, 2003, at Scales Creek Golf Course in Homer, Georgia! Mary used a wedge for the ace on the 99 yard 17th hole. Witnesses included her long-suffering husband, Buddy, and friends Pat and Sam Rauch.

Being a student at Wesleyan was "a wonderful and memorable experience," writes **Sue Davis Reynolds** '58 of New Smyrna Beach, Florida.

Janice Fender Daughtry '59 of Augusta, Georgia, welcomed a new grandson in 2003. Samuel Elijah Daughtry was born on August 16. He joins his big brothers Joshua (8) and Caleb (6).

After 25 years as a speech pathologist at St. Mary's Hospital in Athens, Georgia, and more than 35 years in her field, **Manita Bond Dean** '59 retired in November 2003. She and husband, O.C., plan to spend more time traveling and visiting daughter **Becky Dean Long** '88, her husband, Dan, and four step-grandchildren in Pennsylvania.

It's been a year of sad and happy events for Carol King Pope '59, who lives in Macon. In April her mother, Inez King Kent, died. Also in April, she received her first granddaughter, Rebecca King Pope. Having had only sons and three grandsons thus far, Carol says it's wonderful to add a girl to the family. (See Sympathy.)

As professor of English at Eastern Illinois University, **Anne Ricketson Zahlan '59** keeps busy with teaching, research and service. She served as chair of the Faculty Senate for 2002–2003. Anne also serves as editor of the *Thomas Wolfe Review* and is the president of the International Lawrence Durrell Society. The society is planning a conference next summer on the Greek island of Rhodes.

### 1960s

If you saw a cute, little six-year-old boy in a commercial for "Cool Whip" during the holidays, chances are it was Timothy Allen, whose grandmother is **Evelyn Davidson Allen '60** of Rancho Palos Verdes, California.

In its 45 year history the STAR teacher (Student Teacher Achievement Recognition) program has recognized many teachers in the state of Georgia but **Kay Carroll Barnes '60**, a high-school math teacher at Flint River Academy, has received that honor 20 times! She is one of only two teachers in Georgia to reach that level of recognition. The Woodbury, Georgia, resident received a special award given by the Page Foundation to honor her achievement.

Calla Astin Bobo '60 of Atlanta has three sons, George Bobo (Worcester, Massachusetts), Charles Bobo (Memphis, Tennessee) and William Bobo (Washington, DC). For the past several years Calla has been an adjunct instructor at Kennesaw State University and Gwinnett University Center. Wesleyan sends sympathy to Calla on the death of her husband, J. Edward Bobo, who died in August. (See Sympathy.)

"I'm still single, but very happy!" writes **Juliet Singletary Coleman '60** from Florence,
South Carolina. After seven precious grandsons, Julie finally has a granddaughter,
Madison Grace Powell (Maddie).

**Doris Manning '60** enjoys her ministry with older adults at Lovers Lane United Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas, where she has served for twenty years.

In October, Wesleyan Archivist and Librarian **Tena Roberts** '60 represented the college at the presidential inauguration held at Middle Georgia College in Cochran.

Kay Watkins Hanson '61 was commissioned to do a portrait of two-time former Wesleyan President the Reverend Edward Howell Myers (1851–54 and 1872–1874) by his great-grand-daughter, Mary Taylor. The portrait, presented to the college at a ceremony in the Benson Room in November, hangs in Tate Hall's gallery of presidents. Kay's son and daughter-in-law, Ellen Futral Hanson '83 of Macon, attended the unveiling, as did many relatives of former President Myers.



Painting the Town Purple: Class of '58 in New York (From left) Nina Beth Sheppard Terrell, Berta Dodd-Marbut, Beulah "Bootsie" Laslie Brinson, Gloria Barwick Szokoly and Medra Lott Keyser.

The Class of 1958 continued to celebrate their 45th reunion by planning a trip to New York City this past fall. Invitations were sent to all class members and five representatives went on the trip that lasted from Oct. 30 to Nov. 3, 2003. Medra Lott Keyser (trip chair) arranged for the group to stay at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel. The group discovered that the President of Taiwan was also there to express condolences to the family and others who had connections to Madame Chiang Kai-shek. They also spoke with classmate Linda Chen Bell and Barbara Bird McLendon '60, who welcomed the group to the city, where they enjoyed Broadway plays, sightseeing and shopping, as well as reminiscing about Wesleyan days during their visit.

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From Covington, Georgia, Virginia Poole Lee '61 announces the birth of her grandson, William Kenyon Lee, Jr., who was born on November 24, 2003. Parents are Shannon and William Kenyon Lee, Sr.

Linda Vogel Pfleger '61 says, "life is good." She and husband Jim are both retired. They enjoy their home in Lorida, Florida, which is on the old Kissimmee River near Sebring and Okeechobee. Linda's joined a golf league and the Red Hat Society. Jim is busy hunting and fishing.

Now that her husband, John, is retiring after 30 years as a clergyman in the Episcopal Church, Sheila Leto Scott '61 is relocating to Fearrington Village near Chapel Hill, North Carolina. She hopes to continue to do some contract work as a school psychologist and spend more time with her grandchildren.

Atlanta playwright **Sandra Deer '62** opened a new play in November on the Alliance Theatre's Hertz Stage. The new work, *The Subject Tonight Is Love*, is about the effects Alzheimer's disease has on a mother-daughter relationship.

Charlotte Jolly Hale '62 enjoys retirement in Jasper, Georgia. She volunteers several days each week and is learning to quilt. She and her husband, Floyd, do a lot of traveling, especially with Friendship Force. Rhoda Morrison Joyner '62 and her husband celebrated with the Hales on New Year's Day. Rhoda says that both she and Charlotte are proud of the focus Wesleyan is taking under the leadership of Ruth Knox.

In the past twenty months, Marybelle Proctor Menzel '62 and her husband, Bob, of Littleton, Colorado, have welcomed three new granddaughters. Julia Evelyn, Kennedy Jane and Mary Callison (Callie)—Menzels all—have come to join her other five grandchildren. Marybelle says, "This bevy of blue-eyed blondes brings us blessings!"

Sylvia Hutchinson Bell '63 retired in June from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atanta, where she led the development and implementations of the CDC's first Corporate University. She looks forward to traveling, playing tennis and skiing more with her hubby of five years, plus enjoying more time with their eight grandchildren under age nine, six of which are hers.

Her new home in Cumming, Georgia, is closer to the school where Peggy Craig Bryant '63 teaches high school special education. Another benefit is that Peggy also lives near classmate Cecilia McDaniel Brock '63. Peggy also enjoys her eight grandchildren.

Carol Burt '64 submitted a recollection of her memories of the assassination of President Kennedy to MSNBC as part of the network's commemoration of the 40th anniversary of those sad days. Carol recalled lowering the flag on front campus, skipping Homecoming festivities to huddle around her black and white television, then deciding with six of her friends to leave Sunday afternoon from Macon to drive to Washington, DC, to pay their respects.

"My husband and I have three young grandsons and enjoy them so much. Our daughter moved to Florida and we get to see her all the time. My godchild has grown up and is 11 years old. How time does pass," reports Jane Brockinton Earhart '64 from Plantation, Florida. Jane looks forward to her reunion in April. She and her husband enjoyed a great cruise but, afterwards, he had to have double by-pass surgery as well as a kidney by-pass. However, he is doing much better.

Nancy Van Aken Marti '64 lives in Ft. Myers, Florida, and is looking forward to her 40th reunion in this spring.

After 38 years as a teacher, Mary Jo Moody '64 retired and relocated to her hometown of Greensboro, North Carolina. In August, she drove across country with a friend from grammar school. During her stay in Las Vegas, Mary Jo caught up with Nancy Logan Gasho, who started at Wesleyan with the Class of '64 before transferring to the University of Georgia. In October, Mary Jo represented Wesleyan at the Presidential Inauguration of Dr. Johnnetta Cole at Bennett College for Women.

"Life is good!" says Monticello, Georgia, resident and teacher Mary Helen Hall Ringe '64, who plans to retire at the end of the next school year. She looks forward to seeing everyone at the reunion in April.

Helen Cousar Wells '64 has been a drawing instructor for the past five years at the Art Institute of Atlanta. Last fall, Helen served as student success coordinator for the Dean of Education in addition to teaching. She says that she loves her work so much that she never wants to retire!

Peggy Shoemaker McGuire '65 of Asheville, North Carolina, had the unusual delight of adding two grandchildren to her family in three months. Her son, Stacy, and his wife, Carolyn, (who live in Franklin, Tennessee) adopted a Chinese daughter, Sarah, in March and then Matthew was born on May 23, 2003. As "Grandma Ma" she has been proud, pleased and very thankful to be there for both homecomings.

Beth Childs Brooks '66 is pleased to announce that grandson Brooks Morgan Buffington was born October 10, 2003, to daughter Lunday and her husband, Kevin Buffington, of Savannah. Poet-in-residence at Western Carolina University, Kay Stripling Byer '66 lives in Cullowhee, North Carolina, with her husband, James, and their three dogs. Known for her books of poetry, including Catching Light and Wake, Kay recently published a poem entitled "My Grandfather's Boots" in her hometown newspaper in Camilla, Georgia.

**Dr. Barbara Clinton '66** was able to take early retirement from Georgia College and State University. She had taught in the School of Business as a professor in Information Systems. She and her mother are enjoying her retirement in Valdosta, Georgia, and at the beach in Daytona Beach Shores, Florida.

First time grandparents Martha McGough Lang '66 and husband Bucky were delighted when Lucy Lang was born in June 2003 to son Cott and his wife, Jill, who live in Scottsdale, Arizona. Daughter Melissa, who lives in metro-Atlanta, is expecting twins next summer!

Susan Glover Logan '66 and her husband, Bill, are starting their own business in Hendersonville, North Carolina. Expressions! Photography specializes in fine art and black and white portraits.

Jo Bogan Prout '66 was named executive director of Cherokee County/Cherokee Nation CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) in March of 2002. Jo says her work is a challenging and rewarding experience. She lives in Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

PORTopera of Portland, Maine, recently named Dona D. Vaughn '66 to the post of artistic director. In addition to her duties with PORTopera, Dona is the stage director/acting coach for the Metropolitan Opera's Lindemann Young Artist Development Program and director of the opera workshop at Manhattan School of Music. She lives in New York City with her husband, Ron Raines, and their daughter, Charlotte Vaughn Raines. In November, Dona represented Wesleyan College at the memorial service for Madame Chiang-Kai-shek in New York. She sat near Senator Bob Dole and senator Paul Simon, two of the many dignitaries who spoke with fondness about Madame Chiang. Madame Chiang visited Wesleyan when Dona was a student and Dona remembers having tea with her.

Carol Anne Golden '67 and Beth Koon '83 had Sunday brunch in Winter Haven, Florida, where Carol Anne lives. Beth has relocated to Polk County.

After 20 years of teaching college English, Karen Moore Thomson '67, Ph.D., left teaching in 1995 as a tenured, full-professor at Kennesaw State University in order to work in healing and spiritual awareness. As a certified and nationally registered yoga teacher, she taches yoga at the Buckhead Yoga Room and offers a variety of individual healing sessions at the Center for Healing and Spiritual Awareness, both located in her home in Atlanta. Karen is also a professional pianist. She and her husband, Dr. Tom Thomson, professor of mathematics at K.S.U., always enjoy visits from Wesleyan alums!

Margaret Thompson Monahan '67 writes, 'Well, we did it! We retired to Florida last july." Margaret and Jim have moved into her gandmother's house and Margaret has started teaching again in Lake Wales. Jim will be her wlunteer helper this year then they plan to retire again! They enjoy travel, having visitors and being close neighbors to her parents.

After 25 years as a social worker with the United Methodist Children's Home in her hometown of Selma, Alabama, Kasey Carneal Phillips '67 is embarking on the next phase of her life. She has relocated to Auburn, Alabama, with her husband. Kasey will continue her social work practice with Hospice of East Alabama Medical Center. Her daughter, Currie Johnson, married in June of 2002, and Kasey is thrilled with her wonderful new son-in-law.

Thanks to the 1967 Golden Hearts who contributed to the Colon Cancer Walk in honor of Gwendolyn (Sell) Sorrell," writes Helen Harwell Smith '67 of Washington, DC. (See In Memoriam.)

Mother of the bride Victoria Page Jaus '68 and her husband celebrated daughter Margaret's marriage to Benjamin Baldwin on October 11, 2003. Their older daughter, Jennifer, was the soloist. Vickie lives in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Katherine Wilson Johnson '68 of Macon has a new granddaughter. Banks Woodward McCoy was born on November 22, 2003. Mother, daughter and grandmother are all doing well.

Geranne Hutchinson Mills '68 lives in McLoud, Oklahoma, and works at Tinker AFB as a trainer for child development programs. She also works a ranch in Burden, Kansas, as a family business. Her goal for retirement is to live on the ranch.

While touring Italy on a delayed honeymoon with her husband, Richard, Nancy Greer '69 discovered that it's a small world... and it's filled with Wesleyannes! She writes: "We travel with a green canvas bag that we bought years ago in Paris. To avoid losing the bag, I have a Wesleyan luggage tag attached to the handle. On a day tour to Siena, a woman asked me about my connection to the school. Guess what! Her name is Claire Hammond Davis, a Green Knight who would have graduated in 1960 had she not left to get married (he was

there, too!). It was so nice to hear a Southern accent that far from home." On the home front Nancy has been named project director (for her company L3-GSI) on a contract for the Army Center for Substance Abuse Programs, Program Analysis and Evaluation Division.

The new executive director of the Ohio State Employment Relations Board is **Pat Ondo Snyder '69**, who lives in Columbus.

Barbara Marble Tagg '69 has been appointed to the Chorus America Conducting Task Force and will serve as Dean of a choral/orchestraconducting workshop in June of 2004. Her Syracuse Children's Chorus will perform in April at the Music Educators National Conference in Minneapolis. Her son, Jamie, will graduate from the University of Miami this year with a degree in Music Engineering.

### 1970s

Emily Chase Cook '70 enjoys spending more time with her husband, Charles Cook, now that he has retired after 33 years as an educator and principal in Bibb County.

Two years ago, **B.J. Molpus Posey '70** moved to Prairieville, Louisiana. She retired from teaching but is now in business with her sister; they invest in rental property. B.J. is quite smitten with her grandson (3 years) and grand-daughter (7 months), who live in Saudi Arabia with B.J.'s daughter and son-in-law, an engineer with Exxon.

She may have retired in May 2002, but Ann Scott Terry '70 sure is busy! Ann has been elected to a two-year term as South Atlantic Regional Director for the American Association of University Women (AAUW), a national organization of 110,000 members that promotes educational equity for women and girls, lifelong learning and positive societal change.

Jan Joiner Tripp '70 is back in Macon. Husband Marcus is the new pastor at Vineville United Methodist Church. Besides being a busy pastor's wife, Jan serves on the board of trustees at the Methodist Home for Children and Youth, where she chairs the Children's Services Committee. Daughters Emily and Molly live in the Atlanta area, where Emily is head of the English Department at Dunwoody High School in DeKalb County and Molly is a nurse in mother-baby care at Crawford Long Hospital.

After spending her summer vacation driving from the Czech Republic through eastern Europe to Bulgaria, Croatia and nearby countries, **Phoebe Hawes Conway** '71 of Tifton, Georgia, writes that "she needs a new travel partner, as **Lee Rucker Hendry** '71 seems to have defected."

In August, Mary Williams Walker '71 shared recollections of her family's life-long ties to the Warner Robins community in a column featured in the *The Macon Telegraph*. Mary recently retired after 30 years in the Houston County school system.

Meg Hogan Campbell '72 is now selling her pottery through the "Macon Mud" group located at 66 Davis Street in Payne City, Georgia.

Since December 2002, Susan Mann Kimbrell '72 and her husband, Gary, have lived in Abingdon, Virginia, where Gary took a job with Food City Grocery Stores. This past summer Susan met Beth (Elizabeth) Marecki Alberding '86, who was a guest curator at the William King Art Center in Abingdon.

Carol Blue-Garcia '73 of Harlington, Texas, says "that she was not mature enough when she was a Wesleyan student to be able to achieve what she needed to succeed. She remembers Wesleyan professors and her time there with fondness. Carol did go on to succeed in the medical profession. She has been a neurodiagnostics technologist for 30 years. "Some of us take longer than others to find their place," writes Carol.

Peggy Brady Smith '74 stays busy as a professional director. She directed Jane Fonda, Margot Kidder and Rosie Perez in "Vagina Monologues" this past fall. Peggy lives in Tallahassee, Florida, with her three children.

Congratulations to **Dr. Susan Wyllys Wallace** '72 from Savannah, Georgia. She received her doctorate in Curriculum Studies with an emphasis in Literacy in December 2002. Husband Dick is a mortgage banker and has a radio show on NPR in Savannah called "Music Americana," featuring folk music.

From Perry, Georgia, Marsha Lynn Christy '73 writes that her twin sons, Scott and Sean, graduated from Mercer in 1999. Both are married. Sean and Hillary live in Roswell where Sean works for BellSouth and is in law school at Georgia State. Scott and Melissa live in Charleston, where Melissa is an RN at MUSC Hospital. Scott is also at MUSC working on his Doctor of Pharmacy degree.

"My daughter Katie was married to Mark Houston in Greenville, South Carolina, last August. Anne Thornton Reynolds '73 and husband Randy were here," writes Hale Coble Edwards '73. "I loved seeing President Ruth Knox in Greenville in October. My sister, Mary Coble Kirkley '75, a classmate of Ruthie's, surprised Ruth by driving up from Georgia with our mother for the dinner." Hale also earned national board certification in Early Adolescent Social Studies History in 2003.

### Class Notes



Pat Stillwagon Kessler '73 completed training for the MD-11 and is now flying as captain in that aircraft for Federal Express. Pat lives in Eads, Tennessee.

"Ann Plylar Cornelius '74 (from Charlotte, North Carolina) and I went on a Western Caribbean Cruise in October 2003. It was a great Gabfest—caught up on 31 years. Super great time!" writes Allyn Burrell Stevens '74, who lives in Springfield, Missouri.

Our thanks to Carol Ann Goodloe '75 of Arlington, Virginia, who attempted to "garner some publicity for Wesleyan by borrowing some tidbits from the Wesleyan website (concerning the death of Madame Chiang Kai-Shek) but the Washington Post didn't bite. Unfortunately, the Atlantic offered some less favorable publicity," writes Carol.

Along with her husband, Ray, and their children Anna (13) and Charlie (10), **Bett Snooks Moses** '75 is looking forward to moving into a new home in Alpharetta, Georgia. (See Sympathy.)



Jewell Penland reads a 100th birthday congratulatory letter from President George W. Bush.

Only one member of the Class of 1980 celebrated her 100th birthday this year! In October, Jewell Hall Ray Penland '80 was honored by her family, friends, church and the Macon community with a whirlwind of parties to mark her entry into the centenarian club. Jewell holds the distinction of being Wesleyan's oldest graduating senior, completing her degree at the age of 76. She didn't stop there—Jewell earned her master's degree through the Mercer post-graduate program. In a newspaper article about her life, Jewell said she once asked her daughter, "What am I going to do with all this education?" Her daughter replied, "Mother, you have inspired others."

"Having pursued a career in music education after graduating from Wesleyan, I am presently on faculty at Lee University School of Music in Cleveland, Tennessee," writes **LuAnn Weeks Holden '76.** LuAnn is assistant coordinator for music education and also conducts the Lee University Chorale, as well as a community children's chorus.

Lauren Drinnon Leskosky '77 of Chattanooga, Tennessee, is proud of her son, Louis, who graduated from Duke University and is now in law school.

Congratulations to **Cris Wren Van Horn** '77, who has a new job. Cris is the director at S.W. Power Administration in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Judy Priester Anderson '78 is counting her blessings in Kent, Washington. Her grandson, Hunter Allen Johnson, was born in March 2003 to her son, Robert Johnson, and his wife, Charlene. Robert left the states to serve in Iraq when the baby was only four weeks old, so having her son and his family all back home for Christmas was wonderful. The best news is that son Robert and family have decide to also make their home in Kent.

Jackie Webb '79 of Grayson, Georgia, has a new name, four new daughters and one grand-daughter! She married Larry Bullard in July of 2003 and is looking forward to reunion so that everyone can meet him. "He's a gem!" (See Marriages.)

Sherrie Shellard O'Hara '79 and her family still enjoy life in the desert at their home near Phoenix, Arizona. Sherrie looks forward to heading "back East and down South" to see all the Golden Hearts of '79 at her upcoming 25th reunion.

Its official! Nadine Cheek Jurgensen '79 of Macon is now Nadine Whitney. Nadine married Gary Whitney in June 2003 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Wesleyan student Monica Harper '04 performed music for the wedding ceremony on the organ. Wesleyan professor Edward Eikner performed a piano solo. Nadine continues to teach at Wesleyan, where she conducts both the Wesleyan Concert Choir and the Wesleyannes, as the Mildred Goodrum Heyward Associate Professor of Music. (See Marriages.)

Lee Seabrook '79 has spent the past 18 months designing interpretive panels for a new permanent exhibit on fossils opening in May 2004 at the Florida Museum of Natural History. So, if you are ever in Gainesville, Florida, stop by for a visit. No hurry, it should be up for the next 20 or 30 years. Buster and son, Ian (14), are doing great.

### 1980s

Ashtan (Jeanne Marie) Luke '80 has moved back to the Atlanta area, after more than twenty years. She spent ten years in New York City as a working singer and voice teacher. Ashtan is excited to announce the completion of her first CD, *Unexpected Song*.

Kelly Russell '80 reports that she has moved from Atlanta to the mountains of Oklahoma—yes, they do have mountains out there. She works as a district ranger with the U.S. Forest Service. After six years of Atlanta traffic, Kelly especially likes living in a town without a single traffic light!

Her peers at Camden County High School named **Patricia Chapman Dubose '81** Teacher of the Year last year. Trish teaches oceanography, biology and chemistry. Her daughter, Sarah, will graduate from high school this year. Pat and her husband, Ronald, live in St. Mary's, Georgia, where Ronald has started a new job as a contactor at the sub base in charge of mold remediation.

In Jacksonville, Florida, Victor and Mary Thompson Montfort '81 are building on to their home, thanks to the addition of #5 to their family! Katie is 16, Anne Marie is 14, Madeleine is 8, Victor is 6 and baby Anthony was 1 in December. "Life is busy with all our little blessings!"

Bravo to Caroline Thomas '81, who performed the role of Brunhilde with the Washington Opera on November 14, 2003, in its performance of Die Walkure. The role of Siegmund was sung by none other than Placido Domingo! Caroline inherited the role in Act III on November 11 due to an in injury to the singer of Brunhilde in Act II. Caroline's parents attended and were given seats that Mr. Domingo reserves for friends. Caroline married Peter Balint of Munster, Germany, in July 2002, where she has made her home for quite a few years. Wesleyan roommate Rhonda Helton Hambright '82 and her husband, Harlan, attended the wedding and provided impromptu entertainment at the reception. (See Marriages.)

In Norcross, Georgia, Jenny Houser Chapin '82 stays busy practicing law and raising four active boys.

Rhonda Helton Hambright '82 served as the summer 2003 performing arts director at Camp Glen Arden in Tuxedo, North Carolina, where Casey Thurman '65 is executive director. At home on St. Simons Island, Georgia, Rhonda continues to teach voice and perform as a full-time musician in her community. She was named principal violinist in The Coastal

samphony of Georgia. In November, she aended roommate Caroline Thomas' ('81) performance as Brunhilde (opposite Placido Demingo) at the Washington Opera.

in june, Wanda Miller McClure '82 and her haband, Walter, celebrated their fiftieth weding anniversary at an afternoon tea hosted by heir three children and seven grandchildren. Wanda has retired from teaching.

Congratulations to Marian Daniel Baugh '83 d'Macon, who received an MBA from Wesleyan in May 2003.

After graduating from Wesleyan, Barbara Stout Hallinan '83 continued her studies at Horida State University, where she earned an M.S. and a Ph.D. in organic chemistry. During her doctoral research, Barbara spent two years at the Curie Institute in Paris and became fluent in French. Those language skills came in handy when she accepted a research position at the Université de Lausanne in Lausanne, Switzerland. Barbara and her husband, Noel, aow live in Ohio.

From her home in Millis, Massachusetts, Peg (Mary) S. Atkisson '84 writes: "In the last brenty years, I changed my name to Peg; worked as a roadie, computer programmer, and laboratory technician; married Joel White in 1990; finished a Ph.D. in neuroscience; had two children in '01 and '03 and started work as a professional grant writer for large-scale science projects. For fun, I snowboard and sing in a band."

In addition to her private practice, Rhonda
Barcus '85 works as a training and development specialist at Northside Hospital in
Atlanta. Rhonda was invited to speak at the
International Lamaze Conference in
Albuquerque, New Mexico. Her topic was generational diversity.

Laural Eddy Moseley '85 lives in McIntyre, Georgia, where her husband, Terry, is pastor of McIntyre Baptist Church. They have three children, Andrew (15), Hannah (6) and Caleb (2).

"Pride and Prejudice" a musical adapted from Jane Austen's novel by **Amanda Dean Jacobs** '84, and her musical partner will be developed and produced by Eastman Opera in April 2004. Amanda, who lives in Rochester, New York, also completed her New York State teacher certification in December 2003.

Teresa A. Baumann '87 is loan operations manager at Park Avenue Bank in Valdosta, Georgia, but spends her weekends working towards an MBA at Wesleyan. She is now a proud aunt to six nieces and five nephews. Her sister, Diana Baumann Roets '85 gave birth to her sixth child, Emily, in October 2002.

Karol Cheng '87 became an American citizen in May of 2003. Last summer she returned to Taiwan and wanted to establish a Wesleyan alumnae club there. While in Taiwan, she missed her "Southern ice tea and barbecue." Karol moved to Los Angeles, California, in November 2003 and loves it. She was sad to hear of the death of Madame Chiang Kai-shek.

Macon violinists Faith and Grace Tinkey, daughters of **Stephanie Hooks Tinkey '88** and her husband, David, spent part of their summer attending the Atlanta Suzuki Institute, where Grace was selected for the advanced orchestra

A wonderful article on artist Malika Ghosh Garrett '89 of Woodstock, Georgia, is featured in the Georgia Living section of the February 2004 issue of Southern Living magazine. The article focuses on her life in Georgia, her artwork and the inspiration behind it, which is her native culture of India. Malika speaks fondly of Wesleyan, as the place where she first encountered southern hospitality.

One week before their daughter Ginny's first birthday, **Debbie Stevenson Moses** '89 and her husband, Robert, welcomed a second daughter into the world. Elisabeth Eva Moses was born on October 10, 2003. The Moses family is settling in to their new home in Atlanta. (See Births.)

### 1990s

It's been a year of travel and adventure in 2003 for **Ashley Garrett '90**: skiing on the Stubai Glacier in Austria, paddling an ocean kayak in Bermuda, then snorkeling around the Greek Islands. But now that she has a new home in Athens, Georgia, she hasn't been farther than the Home Depot!

In August 2002, Natalie Azerraf Gates '90 moved to Weatherford, Oklahoma, with her husband, Frederick, and their son, Michael. Natalie has started her own business— "ShadesOK"—on ebay and was named a Power Seller in less than one year.

After she received her master's degree in Library and Information Studies in May of 2003, Constance Bennett Grant '90 accepted a new position in August. She is the monographs cataloger at the main library at the University of South Alabama in Mobile. She and son Tyler, who started kindergarten last fall, enjoy living in Mobile along with their adopted dog, Spot.

Vanessa Allred Miller '90 moved to Fayetteville, North Carolina, this past summer with her husband, Eric, and two sons. They expected a third child in December. Macon resident **Annie Mae Mitcham '90** misses her husband, Wilbur, who died last June. They were married for 59 years. "Chef" worked at Len Berg's restaurant for 56 of those years. (*See Sympathy.*)

**Lynn Harris Janes '91** lives in Leesburg, Georgia, with her family. She teaches Mathematics at Lee County High School.

Physician **Tina Edler James** '91 has joined the Emergency Medicine Team at Coffee Regional Medical Center. Tina resides in Douglas, Georgia, with her two young children, Rose and Michael. She has recently taken up snow skiing and continues to enjoy photography and reading.

Congratulations to Robyn Miller '91, who married in March of 2003. She and husband Daniel Wright Schopp were married at Martha Bowman Memorial United Methodist Church and had their reception in the Oval Hall at Wesleyan. A seven-day cruise to the Carribean completed a perfect wedding. (See Marriages.)

Congratulations to Atlanta resident **Karin Fulford Jones '92,** who received an M.A. in
Professional Counseling and is pursuing a Ph.D.



Rhonda Helton Hambright '82 and Caroline Thomas '81 backstage at DAR Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C., in November. Caroline had just performed the role of Brunhilde opposite Placido Domingo as Siegmund in a performance of *Die Walkure*.

### Class Notes



Heather Birkhead King '92 is glad to be back in Georgia. After seven years with the Air Force, her husband, Josh, has now taken a job with Newton Medical Associates in Covington. Heather enjoys staying home with David (5) and Ashley (3). She writes, "I sent Josh and the kids to his parent's home in Savannah for the week and my college roommate, Jeneé DeChant '92 came and helped me unpack!"

Hazel Varnedoe Margelli '92 stays busy in Acworth, Georgia, where she loves being a stay-at-home mom to son Jack (2) and his new little sister, Eliza Kate, who was born in October 2003. (See Births.)

Allison Shepherd Hirtzel '93 has a daughter, Ellen Grace, who turned two in August. After working as an event planner and director of fundraising for a non-profit organization, Allison has resigned to start her own gourmet market and catering business in Jacksonville, Florida.

Rachel Mathis '93 and husband James Tillman, of Tallahassee, Florida, are pleased to announce the birth of daughter Ava Colette Mathis Tillman in August. Big brother Jacob, who turned 5 four days before her birth, is already a loving big brother. (See Births.)

Phaedra Parks '93 of Smyrna, Georgia, received her J.D. from the University of Georgia in 1998. She is a managing partner and attorney for The Parks Group. She has served as a pro bono attorney for Juvenile Justice for Students and is a touring Career Day Spokesperson for the Legal Profession in the Metro Atlanta School District. A little league soccer coach, Phaedra is also active with the Junior League of Atlanta and is a volunteer for Cool Girls Political Affairs as an agenda advocate. She was the 2003 recipient of the Junior League of Atlanta's Public Affairs Excellence Award and received the Living Legend Honor in 2002 and 2003.

After she attended Wesleyan in 1989–90 as a Rotary Student, **Daniella Bach Pedersen '93** returned to Denmark and entered medical school and graduated in 1998. Since then she has also earned a Ph.D. Currently Daniella is

studying to specialize in ophthalmology. She and Lars Holm have a daughter, Rebekka, born in September 2003. (See Births.)

Jill Hauver Celeste '94 lives in St. Petersburg, Florida, with husband Richard and sons Tony (4) and Joseph (2). She works as the public relations coordinator for Morton Plant Mease Health Care in Clearwater. Jill is looking forward to her ten-year reunion in April!

Epidemiologist **Wendy Nembhard '94** has moved to Tampa, Florida, where she works in the Department for Epidemiology and Biostatistics at the University of South Florida College of Public Health.

**Lee Twombly '94** is a reference librarian at Jack Tarver Library, Mercer University in Macon. Her father, Charles Twombly, is a professor at Wesleyan.

Jaqui Dravis Wilson '94 married Mark Wilson this summer then honeymooned in the Turks and Caicos Islands. Tara Elmore '94 was a bridesmaid. Jaqui still teaches at

## Fiscal Fitness continues to be a hot topic on campus

panel discussion on the Macon business and political scene was the focus of the opening seminar of Wesleyan's Fall 2003 Fiscal Fitness Series. The event on Sept. 25 featured panelists Jeanie Enyart, publisher of *The Macon Telegraph*; Anita Ponder, president of the Macon City Council; and Pat Topping, an executive at the Macon Chamber of Commerce. On Nov. 20, the series continued with "Insurance Tips for Students." Panelists at this informative seminar were Elizabeth Hardin, a local certified public accountant, and representatives from GEICO and BB&T Insurance.

On Jan. 22, popular humorist and author Blackie Scott was the featured speaker. Scott, whose books include *It's Fun to Entertain, Retire and Rejoice, It's Fun at Grandmother's House* and *Get Your Funny Bone off the Table!*, spoke to Wesleyan students about good business etiquette. Scott's approach of weaving hilarious true-life stories with practical information has made her a popular speaker with professional organizations and colleges and universities for more than 20 years. She is a member of the National Speakers Association, Georgia Speakers Association and the Georgia Society of Association Executives, and her corporate clients have included CNN, Coca-Cola and BellSouth.



Lucy Cline Huie '41, Betty Nunn Mori '58 and Betty Lo '95 spoke at the February Fiscal Fitness seminar.

Successful businesswomen and Wesleyan alumnae Lucy Cline Huie '41, Betty Nunn Mori '58 and Betty Lo '95 discussed their tips for success at the Feb. 25 seminar, "We've Come a Long Way." After graduating from Wesleyan, Huie went on to earn her M.A. from Emory University before going on to a successful career as a travel agent. Mori attended Wesleyan before earning her B.A. from Emory. She is currently the vice president of Mori Luggage & Gifts based in Atlanta. Lo, who earned her degree in international business, is currently a data standards specialist of corporate business systems with Coca-Cola Company in Atlanta.

The final Fiscal Fitness seminar for the 2003–2004 academic year will take place on April 22 and will cover tips on buying a car. For more information, call (478) 757-5149.

Houston County High School, which has been named one of three Intel model schools in the U.S. This past fall, Intel sent Jaqui and two other teachers to Langley Air Force Base in Washington, DC, to discuss how they use technology in the classroom. She also "presented" at a conference at Disney World in December.

After six years at the University of Tennessee, Catherine Hope Atchley '95 has made a career change and joined her family's business, Atchley Funeral Home. The business was founded in 1920 by her great-grandfather, and Catherine is proud to be a member of the fourth generation serving families in Sevier County, Tennessee.

In addition to pursuing a doctorate in School Improvement, **Susan Horton '95,** of Carrollton, Georgia, was a bridesmaid at classmate Erinne Guice's wedding to Dr. Jonathan Hatchet on October 4, 2003. Sadly, Susan's mother died a week later from cardiac complications after a battle with cancer. "Thank you to everyone who sent prayers during the last few years." (See Sympathy.)

Betty Lo '95 of Mableton, Georgia, moved into a new house in February 2003. She invites the 1995 Golden Hearts to visit anytime. On her way to Florida, Betty visited with classmate Stephanie Russ-Barber and her new son, Bennett. She also caught up with Kelley Southerland '92 on a trip to Colorado, where Betty went snowboarding for the first time.

Chi Ezekwueche '96 recently received a From the Heart Community Service Award for her work in the Macon community. In addition to her extensive volunteer work with schools, she is the founder of the Tubman Museum's Pan African Festival of Georgia and the Out Umunne Cultural Organization.

Elizabeth Leaman Hague '96 and husband Brian bought a house in Orange Park, Florida, in February 2003. In September they had a baby girl named Olivia Kathleen. Izzy's mom, Kathy Weeks Leaman '72, is a proud grandmother. (See Births.)

From Royal Oak, Michigan, Jena Frazier Passut '96 writes that she and husband Charlie expect their first child in June 2004. They also just celebrated their first year as homeowners. Jena has returned to writing, taking a reporter position in the Features Department at *The Daily Oakland Press*.

"In June, I became director of the Grandparent/Relative Caregiver Project," writes Sherry V. Neal '96 from Atlanta. "My work on adoption cases is extremely rewarding. I'm also still enjoying being an adjunct professor of Business Law at Wesleyan. On the personal front, Dan and I are buying our first house!"

Amanda "Mandy" Smith '97 completed her master's degree in Divinity from Emory's Candler School of Theology on May 12, 2003. A member of the North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church, Mandy lives in Scotland where she will spend a year of residency with the British Methodist Church.

Kathrine Bailey '97 is a technical director/designer for a theatrical company in Columbus, Georgia. She received her M.F.A. in Technical Direction/Design from Virginia Tech then spent a year and a half working in Atlanta for one of the PRG companies called Entolo, where she was the only female carpenter/welder/scenic artist among 30 full time employees. Kathrine encourages sister Wesleyannes to remember that in the theatrical world doors are opening everyday that once were closed. "There are strong technical theatre female role models to be had. One doesn't have to be an actress to be in the business."

Sherry Boyd '97 reports from Cumming, Georgia, that she finally completed her MFA in Sculpture in December. Since then, she had her first solo exhibit at the Columbus Institute for Contemporary Arts in Columbus, Georgia. Sherry works at a private pre-school in Alpharetta and stays busy making art for future exhibits.

Mike and Carrie Herndon Gross '97 bought their first house in Alexandria, Virginia, in September 2003.

Atlanta resident **Beth Hitt '97** has been promoted from mathematics teacher to director of guidance at Brandon Hall School.

**Barbara "Bobbi" Hubbard '97** has moved to Winter Park, Florida, and is now using her maiden name, Bobbi Thomas.

Rita Smith Jones '97 moved from Macon to Fernandina Beach, Florida, because it is located halfway between where her two sons and her new granddaughter, Leslie Anna, (born in July) live. Leslie Anna's brother Lance (3) announced the birth of his baby sister.

The Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice named **Stephanie Pate Lewis '97** Teacher of the Year in March 2003. Stephanie had her first child, Carter Gregory Lewis, on August 15, 2003. In May, she joined **Mary Mitchell '97**, **Jena Forehand Collins '97** and **Vanessa Sullivan '98** in a Columbus, Georgia, gallery for "Glory," a solo show by **Sherry Boyd '97**. (See Births.)

**Leanna McClellan '97** earned her A.A. from Santa Fe Community College in Gainesville, Florida, this past December.

In October 2002, Marcie Caraballo '97 married Dr. Peter Nguyen. Tessa William '97 was a bridesmaid and Wendy Lazzaro '98 assisted with the wedding work. Classmates Kara Bollmeier, Laura Sims and Carrie Herndon were with them "in spirit." Marcie and her husband live in Naples, Florida, and have recently celebrated the first anniversary of their new dental office. (See Marriages.)

Suzanne Wrenn Spooner '97 of Nashville, Tennessee, is employed by the Tennessee Academy of Family Physicians. She and Anthony Ronald Faulk were married in December 2003. (See Marriages.)

As a prosecutor in Orlando, Florida, **Kendra Biggs Therrell '97** has been promoted to the
Sex Crimes and Child Abuse Unit, where she
prosecutes crimes against women and children.
Her husband, Jay, is leaving the practice of law in
order to become a full-time seminary student.

Alanda Hermann James '98 and husband Frank bought their first home. "We love playing house" in Auburn, Georgia, a small town just outside of Atlanta.

It's been official since September 27! Laura Facey '98 of Oglethorpe, Georgia, and Grant Sullivan are making wedding plans for October 2004.

From Lakewood, California, Carmen **Kypriandes Garcia '98** writes that she and her husband, Ed, are building a new home for their growing family. They had a second son, Nicholas Antonios "Nico" Garcia, in January 2004. Carmen says that big brother Eddie "is non-stop. He thinks he is Spider Man." (See Births.)

The Macon Professional Women's Sertoma Club, a local chapter of the International Sertoma Club, has elected **Brandy Hayes '98** president elect for 2003–2004.

Fundraisinginfo.com, an Internet-based fundraising consulting company for non-profits, recently announced that **Missy Ryan '98** has been promoted from account executive to Georgia regional director.

After doing research in Costa Rica on a Fulbright Fellowship for one year, **Amy Daniels '99** has returned to the University of Florida in Gainesville to finish her M.S. in Interdisciplinary Ecology.

In Evansville, Indiana, **Jessica Jarman '99** started a new job at GE Plastics as an analytical chemist.

In October, **Michele McDuffie '99** joined WZRH radio in Dallas, North Carolina, as an advertising executive. This past summer she visited Scotland for ten days.

### Class Notes



Sarah Marshall Nester '99, husband Richard, and daughter Tara have a new address. They live in Madison, Wisconsin. Yes, it's cold and yes, there is snow on the ground. But they are safe and sound and thrilled to be in their new town.

"The similarity to my name is purely coincidental and yet quite hilarious," writes Amy-Chris Vinson '99 from Charlotte, North Carolina, concerning best friend Kathryn Smith's ('99) fiancé, who is named Chris Vinson!

Dottie Whittington '99 and Josh Bailey of Flowery Branch, Georgia, are busy planning their wedding for May 29, 2004, in Winder, Georgia. He is a seminary student at NOBTS in Decatur. Dottie is a graduate student at Georgia State.

Congratulations to **Ginger Williams '99,** who was named the 2003 Bibb County Teacher of the Year. Ginger lives in Macon and credits her Wesleyan masters degree as a significant factor in achieving her teaching goals.

### 2000s

Currently on tour as the assistant props master with the Disney On Ice show *Mickey and Minnie's Magical Journey*, **Marge Guiberteau '00** is excited about travel opportunities. This international production will take her all over the US, Canada, and to Central and South America.

### The Paths Less Taken

Wesleyan's Advancement Office is pleased to announce a new series that will begin with the next issue of the Wesleyan Magazine. This historical series will highlight pathfinder alumnae who, while living otherwise ordinary lives, have been ahead of their time or have "stepped outside the box" in some way that was distinctive for their era.

The Advancement Office seeks your recommendations of alumnae you have known who fit this profile. Please send names, contact information and a brief synopsis telling us why you think your choice should be featured in our new series, to be titled *The Paths Less Taken*. Nominations should be sent to:

Advancement Office Wesleyan College Attention: Angel Feightner 4760 Forsyth Road Macon, Georgia 31210

For additional information, please call (478) 757-5187.

Missy Graham Meeks '00 is the graduate assistant to the director of The Writing Program at UNC-Chapel Hill this year. She attended conferences at Michigan Technological University and at Purdue, where she had coffee with Beth Williford '02.

Congratulations to **Janice LaTrell Roberson** '00 of Macon, who earned an MBA from Wesleyan in May 2003.

Katie Sadler '00 is a member of the Atlanta Symphony Chorus, which performed in Germany with the Berlin Philharmonic this past December. On a sad note, Katie's big brother, Jadie Lee, died in a car accident in November. (See Sympathy.)

Amy Stone '00 will graduate from Mercer Law School in May. Her Christmas Eve wedding to James Braddock included her Wesleyan roommate, Amanda Foster '00, who served as a bridesmaid and soloist. (See Marriages.)

As an exchange student at Wesleyan (1999–2000), **Deborah Berryman '01** spent a year at the college then returned to her native Ireland to pursue a master's degree in counseling. She currently lives in Rome, Georgia, and is looking forward to a March 2004 wedding in Northern Ireland to her fiancé (a Mercer grad that she met while at Wesleyan!). Deborah has fond memories of Wesleyan and would love to hear from other Pirates.

Yanira Chevere '01 has relocated to Jonesboro, Georgia, after living in the Washington, DC, area. Her father, Roberto Chevere, died in November. (See Sympathy.)

At the Institute of International Studies in Monterey, California, **Hyun Mi Choi '01** is a graduate student studying International Policy Studies with a focus on nonproliferation studies. Her work centers on combating weapons of mass destruction in the Korean peninsula. She also works as a graduate research assistant at the Center for Nonproliferation Studies. Last year she spent a year in Hawaii at the East West Center as an Asia Pacific Leadership Fellow.

Tonya Parker '01 lives in Macon. As program coordinator for the Girl Scouts of Middle Georgia, her work focuses on character building programs. In the summer she is the day camp director at Camp Martha Johnston. Tonya is also a student at Christian Life School of Theology in Columbus, Georgia, where she is working on a master of divinity degree.

Lindsey Rich '01 of Alexandria, Virginia, works as a science assistant in the Division of Chemistry at the National Science Foundation. She manages grant applications for chemistry research, arranges review panels and does some policy work on initiatives to increase undergraduate research opportunities.

Jywanya Smith '01 writes that she is "still working for Robins AFB in Warner Robins, Georgia. Time occupied by mentoring, Girl Scouts and some local modeling. Plan to take my GMAT soon and begin my MBA."

**Jennifer Nicole Calhoun '02** has moved to Japan, where she works as an assistant language teacher.

Rindi Daniel '02 is excited about the good news from classmate Jame McCoy '01 of Savannah, Georgia, who has regained her hearing through experimental surgery and the implant of a BAHA (Bone Anchor Hearing Aid), which allows her to hear just like she did when she was younger.

"Hayiya" is a Zulu word meaning "dance for joy." It's also the name of the Macon dance studio owned by **Pilar Wilder '02**, which just celebrated it's one-year anniversary. In addition to teaching West African dance, Pilar also teaches tap, praise and her own self-named dance "Pilar-hythm," a modern dance influenced by African and Caribbean dance.

Maria Williams '02 has moved into a house in Macon.

Rachel Garcia '03 lives in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She works for ActiVote America, Inc., a non-profit, non-partisan group that is dedicated to educating Americans on the importance of voting. She has already made contact with Shelley Molleur '03, who just moved to Albuquerque to take a job with State Farm Insurance.

Virginia Dicken '03 received a prestigious Phi Kappa Phi Graduate Fellowship. In July 2003 she was one of four students to receive the Morris Fellowship from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. In addition, she will receive free tuition for doctoral study. Virginia plans to conduct research and teach in applied psychology.

Lauren Haney '03 lives in Fairburn, Georgia. She enjoyed being involved in a new musical, *The Invisible Man*, at the 14th Street Playhouse in Atlanta this past fall.

Emily Neal '03 lives in Centerville, Ohio, and works at Wright Patterson AFB as a financial management specialist. She is also pursuing an MBA at the University of Cincinnati.

Sherrie Randall '03 of College Park, Georgia, has a new job with the federal government. She is a contract specialist at Fort McPherson Army Base. Sherrie credits former professor Dr. Glenna Dod for giving her the skills and techniques that led to a successful job interview.



### **Campus Calendar**

### April

April 9 Softball vs. SCAD, 2:00 p.m. Good Friday (offices closed; April 9 classes not in session) Softball vs. Fisk, 10:00 a.m. April 10 Honors Day, 11:15 a.m. April 15 Senior Art Show Reception, 6:30 p.m. April 15 Alumnae Weekend April 16-18 April 20 Awards Day April 24 Benefit Horse Show Spring Concert April 25 Last day of classes April 28 Reading day April 29 Final examinations April 30, May 1,3,4,5 May Baccalaureate, 7:00 p.m. Commencement, 10:00 a.m. May 8 May Term classes begin May 10

Memorial Day (offices closed; classes not in session) May 30

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May Term classes end June 3 Final examinations lune 4 Midsummer Term classes begin June 8

July

Independence Day (offices closed; classes not in session) July 4 August 2 Midsummer Term classes end Final examinations August 3-4

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